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Allies Nearly Ready To Begin Talks on **Conventional Arms**

By Joseph Fitchett International Heroid Tribune

ARIS — Unexpectedly opti-stic, U.S. and French officials d Wednesday that the Western ies had nearly overcome their at internal obstacles to talks on ting conventional forces in Eu-> and that East-West negotiaas probably could begin early

Confidently stating that prepa-tions for the talks had reached e final stage, U.S. and French fficials also dismissed reports that a last-minute rift between Washington and Paris could delay Westorn progress toward opening talks with the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies.

The talks, known as the Conventional Stability Talks, in prepara-tion since 1986, are intended to stiarply reduce military tensions in Europe, opening the way for politi-cal liberalization in Eastern Europe and an easing of the sharp division of Europe since World War II.

"For the first time, the opening

Kiosk

Cypriot Rivals To Meet Again

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) — The Cypriot president, George Vassiliou, and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash, have agreed to begin another round of talks in Nicosia on Dec. 19 on ways of reuniting their island, a UN spokesman said

The announcement followed three days of meetings between the two leaders.



Anthony Cavendish, a former British secret agent ahose memoirs have led Britain to block distribution of a U.S. magazine. Page 2.

General News

Britain decides today on whether to buy a British or an American model as its new President Reagan must rule soon on any pardons in the Iran-contra affair. Page 3.

The biggest Dutch property firm bid £1.3 billion for Britain's Hammerson. Page 11.

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By Henry Kamm

KABUL, Afghanistan

Multicolored kites, attached to cheerful boys below, dot the

Kabul sky just above the taw-

dry buildings and vehicular and

swollen capital.

Kabul airport

the heat it exudes.

lestrian chaos of this war-

Above them float the zigzag

patterns of the dozens of hot

flares released by each Soviet

military or civilian plane as it

takes off from or lands at the

U.S. supplied Stinger missile that might be aimed at the air-

craft by urban guerrillas. Sting-

ers are drawn to their targets by

the sky over this city of more

than two million people - four

or five times as many as before

Soviet troops entered nine years

ago - finds a reflection in the

The war that is raging ever neater since half the Soviet

army of 115,000 was withdrawn

in August is ever present, but so

are the appearances of normal-

lights and moods of the city.

The contrasting display in

Their purpose is to lure any

in York Times Service

of these negotiations is within reach," President François Mitter-rand said in an interview in the French newspaper Libération on

Charles H. Thomas, who directs the U.S. effort in the conventional Paris that "everybody — we, the allies, the Soviets and their allies want to start early next year."

The transition to a Bush administration, he said, did not seem likely to delay this movement.

France has often been accused by other Western governments of complicating arms control talks unnecessarily in an effort to block them. But Mr. Mitterrand, insisting that France has a new commitment to disarmament, said that procedural problems should not be used as a "pretext for delay."

Mr. Mitterrand, who is sensitive to West German leaders' need for progress on arms control for their domestic political reasons, said that agreement was "attainable by good diplomats" — a signal that French officials have been told that starting negotiations has be-come a political priority for the president in his second term.

Agreement seemed imminent, U.S. officials said, in both of the parallel preparatory processes leading up to the talks: first, a "mandate" for negotiations emerg-ing from the East-West review conference in Vienna of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and, secondly, a Western negotiating policy being devised by members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
In both the "mandate" and in

NATO's opening proposal, "the substance of the Western position See DISARM, Page 6

By William Claiborne

JOHANNESBURG -- Presi-

dent Pieter W. Botha granted re-

prieves Wednesday to six blacks who were condemned to death for

the 1984 murder of a black local

The surprise decision came only

hours after the Court of Appeals,

South Africa's highest court.

turned down a plea by the six pris-

oners to reopen the case.
At the same time, Mr. Botha

commuted the death sentences of

four white policemen sentenced to

urdering blacks.



HEADING INTO EXILE - Chun Doo Hwan, the former president of South Korea, leaving his bome Wednesday with his wife, Lee Soon Ja, after making a public apology for misdeeds during his term in office. Opposition members dismissed the apology and demanded an inquiry. Page 4.

woman known as the "Sharpeville Province township. They beat him death and burned Jacob Dlamini, a Six," were given prison sentences so severely during interrogation that they concluded they could not about 65 kilometers (40 miles)

for commuting the sentences.

The case was one of the few in fention and intense diplomatic.

He had said repeatedly that he South African trial history in which pressure from abroad because nei-

would not act until the judicial apwhite policemen have testified ther in the original judgment nor in

der Merwe, who were sentenced in

April for murdering two suspected

The Sharpeville Six won a stay of

fellow officers facing the

Botha Grants Reprieves to the 'Sharpeville Six'

death penalty.

drug dealers.

Sweeping Tax Cuts Planned in Sweden

STOCKHOLM - The Social Democratic government on Wednesday unveiled a sweeping package of tax reforms that would exempt 90 percent of Swedish wage-earners from national income tax and cut corporate taxes by

The proposal, the first major tax reform since the welfare state was created 50 years ago, would end Sweden's reputation of having the world's highest taxes, as well as some of its most canny tax-evaders. The reform would cost the gov-ernment some 60 billion kronor (\$9.9 billion) a year in revenue from the tax brackets being cut. Most of that will be replaced through a broadening of the tax

Swedish taxes are notorious for having driven some of the country's best-known personalities into exile, among them the film director, Ing-mar Bergman. He left after police dragged him off the stage of the Royal Dramatic Theatre during a rehearsal and charged him with tax evasion in 1976.

The tax-reform package, planned for legislation in 1990, would simplify income tax and close loopholes that have been exploited by the rich at the expense of workers, said Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt at a news confer-

The government said it wanted the reforms in place by the next general election in 1991.

The program calls for sharp reductions in income tax, which is 72 percent in the highest tax brackets and on some overtime payments. But it foresees higher revenues from tax on earnings from investments and profits, by limiting de-

Currently, the average Swede pays combined municipal and state taxes of about 45 percent.

According to evidence presented at the 1985 trial, one of the con-

demned, Theresa Ramashamola,

"Even though Sweden has higher taxes than most other countries, a lot of people call Sweden a tax paradise because it is so easy to evade taxes," said Mr. Feldt.

Swedes have resorted to a series of legal, semi-legal and illegal de-vices to reduce their tax loads. Many form their own paper companies, which report annual losses and write these off against income tax. The government said its pro-posed reform would attempt to close this loophole.

The government said it wanted to limit the ability of Swedes to write off debts and loans against income for tax purposes.

At present, individuals can write off 50 percent of all debts against

But the government said that write-offs for mortgages would not be abolished in the first instance. The intention was that these should

be limited at a later stage.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said the reform would safeguard welfare programs that have climinated poverty and illiteracy in Swe-

The plan was applauded by labor and won cautious approval from business, as the stock market inched up by 0.6 percent. Market analysts said most companies, and the Swedish investment climate in general, would benefit from the proposals, though a few firms were seen as having their tax burdens

sharply increased. Tommy Cunzelius, an analyst at Nordbanken, said that the proposal was welcome as it would provide "a very strict and easy tax base that

you can count on." Said Stig Malm, chief of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation: "Something has to be done. The taxation of capital today is a

A Social Democratic Party state-See SWEDEN, Page 15

3 Soldiers Killed in Caucasus

Azerbaijanis Riot In New Outbreak Of Soviet Unrest

By Felicity Barringer New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Three soldiers died and 126 people were wounded in rioting Tuesday in the southern republic of Azerbaijan as residents of at least three different cities gathered to protest what they considered Armenian-inspired chaliges to their authority, Soviet of-

ficials reported Wednesday. A state of emergency and a curfew were declared in the Azerbai-jani city of Kirovabad and the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic as troops patrolled these areas and at least one city in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region, the focus of 10 months of violence and unrest in Azerbaijan

and neighboring Armenia. Ethnic tensions in Nagorno-Karabakh, a predominantly Armenian enclave of Azerbaijan, again sparked violence this week as Azerbaijanis in various cities took to the streets when told that an Armenian factory was building an aluminum plant in Nagorno-Karabakh on the site of an historic Azerbaijani battlefield, according to an official

Azerbaijani spokesman. Although the construction of such a plant would ordinarily require approval of authorities in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, "no one in Baku knew about it," said the official, Musa I. Mamedov, ef of the information division of the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry. He said that Nagorno-Karabakh was practically "out of the control"

of Azerbaijani authorities. But a city government worker in the Nagorno-Karabakh capital Stepanakert, contradicted the Azerbaijani version. The construction project, said the worker, who declined to give his name, involved only a rest home for workers from the Armenian plant and did not

need Baku's approval.

The new violence in the volatile southern area occurred after nearly two months of relative calm, during which much attention in the Soviet Union was focused on a surge of nationalism in the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Now, while managing the chal-lenges to Soviet authority offered by these three republics, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev must also grapple with a new outbreak of ethnic tensions between the predominantly Christian Armenians and the predominantly Moslem Azerbaijanis, whose interethnic clashes have left 38 people, mostly

Armenians, dead since February. During a session of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet parliament, last July, Mr. Gorbachev brusquely dismissed the Armenian claims to Nagorno-Karabakh and called for support of a decision of the Su-preme Soviet and the ruling Communist Party that Nagomo-Karabakh receive a special package of economic and social aid but remain under Baku's control.

The rioting and deaths in Kirovahad and Nakhichevan took place as the Armenian parliament was meeting to discuss a variety of issues, including the status of Nagorno-Karabakh, according to residents of the Armenian capital.

As word of the clashes reached Yerevan the meeting was hastily postponed, just as the legislators were on the verge of discussing the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh Soldiers were called in to quell

the violence in Kirovabad and Nakhichevan on Tuesday, according to Mr. Mamedov of the Azerbaijan Foreign Ministry. He said he did not know in which of those two locations the deaths occurred.

On Wednesday, mass meetings of tens of thousands of citizens took place in both Baku, to inform Azerbaijanis of the situation in the See RIOTS, Page 6

by forces of the Soviet Union and four Warsaw Pact allies. The Democratic Initiative, a See PRAGUE, Page 6

opposition movement might be giv-

en jail sentences as a method of

Czechoslovak leaders have been

prepared to follow Mikhail S. Gor-bachev, the Soviet president, in his

striving for economic restructuring,

though cautiously. But they seem

less interested in his efforts to in-

troduce greater openness.

An independent organization of

anti-war campaigners has virtually

Three of its leaders, Hans Mar-

Vydra, are in custody. They face un

idating others.

increases and appeared at Mr. Dia-mini's house with a placard saying, "We have no money." Witnesses said that as Mr. Dlamini tried to escape the crowd. h fired a revolver, hitting one protester, after which Miss Ramasha shouted, "He is shooting at us. Let's kill him," and then sl woman who had pleaded with the mob not to kill him. There was no testimony that national security adviser for Miss Ramashamola threw any George Bush. Page 6. stones at the victim.

Hungary Takes Step Toward Change, but Czechs Back Away

being part of a mob that stoned to murder conviction.

let him go without risking disciplin- south of Johannesburg.

The other two policemen were have contributed directly to the in-

mini's death

Jack La Grange and Robert van juries that resulted in Mr. Dla-

execution March 17, only 15 hours man which, under the South Afri-

before they were to be hanged for can legal system, is enough for a

In Budapest, a Young Economist Will Be Prime Minister

By Jackson Diehl Bushington Post Service BUDAPEST - The Hungarian Communist Party announced the nomination of a progressive young economist, Miklos Nemeth, as prime minister on Wednesday, and the new leader vowed to push ahead with steps to make his administration responsible to an

elected parliament rather than the Mr. Nemeth. 40, who has been secretary of economic policy and a Politburo member of the Hungarparty general-secretary, Karoly Grosz, who temporarily retained the prime minister's post after succeeding Janos Kadar as Hungary's top Communist leader in May. The parliament is expected to approve the change formally on Thursday.

Mr. Botha gave no explanation ary action.

for commuting the sentences.

criticized foreign governments, in-cluding that of the United States,

for interfering in the South African

judicial system by demanding

Two of the policemen reprieved

were Patrick Goosen and Leon de

death on May 26 for the murder of

clemency for the six.

The six blacks, five men and a a black youth in an eastern Cape

Under its program to alter Soviet-style Communist rule, Hungary is moving toward abolishing the ruling party's monopoly on power and making the government and parliament rather than the Communist leadership primarily re-sponsible for running the country. ian party, was named to replace the In recent weeks, more liberal

party leaders have suggested that under a new constitution due to be drawn up by 1990 Hungary could even return a multiparty political

In an interview on Wednesday, Mr. Nemeth said that multiparty elections and even a non-Communist government "cannot be ruled out" in the coming year. But he stressed that the country's leadership was committed to a gradual process of change that did not risk the upheaval that has characterized past movements toward political freedom in Eastern Europe.

dergoing a transformation and is in a feverish state," said Mr. Nemeth, a former professor of economics who speaks fluent English and who studied for a year at Harvard University under a visitor's program.

The case attracted worldwide at-

any of the defendants found to

Instead, the court held that they shared a "common purpose" with

the mob that stoned the council-

But, referring to the Hungarian revolution and Soviet invasion of 1956, Mr. Nemeth cautioned that we are also expressing the fact that we can't afford to drive the country into another tragedy." Mr. Nemeth, who was chosen for

the prime minister's post by a meet-ing of the Central Committee on See HUNGARY, Page 6

حكذات الأحوا

"We are saying that we're in a transition, the whole society is un. Prague: Raids and Interrogations trial in which some leaders of the

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service PRAGUE - Czechoslovakia has reacted to a recent burst of

independent political activity with a wave of police repression. Beyond the use of force to crush unauthorized demonstrations this month, the police have raided the homes of dozens of opposition fig-

ures in major cities and called numerous others for questioning. Some opposition leaders said they believed the searches and in-

Washington Past Service

front of the altar in this religious

KFAR HABAD, Israel - In

vanova, Tomas Dvorak and Lubos

to three years in prison if an inquiry results in their trial and conviction on charges of inciting anti-state ac-They were detained in the summer in connection with unauthorized demonstrations to mark the By Glenn Frankel 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia

community's main synagogue, an empty green velvet chair awaits the arrival of an 86-year-old man from Brooklyn who almost certainly will never sit there.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, known to his Lubavitcher followers as the rebbe, is unlikely ever to make the journey from his Crown Heights home to Kfar Habad, But his long-distance involvement in Israel's recent parliamentary elections has altered the political landscape in Israel and, in the process, may do serious damage to relations between American Jews and Israel and to prospects for Middle East peace.

He did it with one telephone call placed just 12 days before the elec-tions, in which he ordered members of his Habad religious movement in Israel to work on behalf of a small, fading Israeli ultra-Orthodox party known as Agudat Yis-rael. Habad officials say they spent more than \$1 million to belp bol ster the Agadat campaign.

When the votes were counte Agudat had won five seats in the nesset, Israel's parliament, a gain of three. Along with the six seats of Shas, a rival ultra-Orthodox party,

See ISRAEL, Page 6

THANKSGIVING: Read all about it. (Again.) Page 18.

Strictly Speaking, This Rabbi Has Power **Urban Afghans Adapt** In the Capital of Chaos



Israel's two chief rabbis, Mordechai Eliahu, left, head of the Sephardic community and Avraham Shapiro, head of the Ashkenazi community, discussing a measure attempting to define who is a Jew. They stressed that Jews everywhere were Jews and that the measure dealt only with conversion.

See KABUIL, Page 2

this country have adapted to 15 years of revolution, invasion

and fratricidal combat. They go uncomplainingly about their lives, which seem deprived even more than met the visitor's eye before the over-throw of King Zahir Shah in 1973, when Afghanistan's present troubles began.

Only visitors seem still to notice that not-so-distant gunfire punctuates the flow of daily life. The locals seem no longer to hear it and acknowledge it with some surprise.

Gunfire nearby is one thing. But rockets that of late have been falling in the city, the bombs that explode occasionally in crowded neighborhoods

People do not volunteer their feelings about these weapons of terror, but when asked they leave no doubt that they achieve their effect of creating a sense of insecurity.

Insecurity is also seen in the incheate traffic, possibly the world's most disorderly. The war has caused almost all of Afghanistan's vehicles to home

Clearly the resilient people of

French Angered by Indictment of Magistrate in Bomb Affair

By James M. Markham New York Times Service

PARIS - A political storm has erupted in France over the indictment of a magns-trate who won a national reputation for his investigation of a wave of terrorism that sbook Paris two years ago.

The examining magistrate, Gilles Boulonque, 39, was indicted Friday on charges of violating judicial secrecy in the course of his auti-terrorist investigation. The inquiry had made Mr. Boulouque, ordinarily a rig-orous sort of man, something of a media star and the best-known magistrate in

Fuad Ali Saleh, a Tunisian terrorist suspect, had lodged a series of complaints against Mr. Boulouque for naming him in a newspaper as the prime suspect in the terman said he was unaware that the office of the government last the interpretation of Wahid Gordji, an Irapect, had lodged a series of complaints of Wahid Gordji, an Irapect, had lodged a series of complaints of Wahid Gordji, an Irapect, had lodged a series of complaints of Wahid Gordji, an Irapect, had lodged a series of complaints of Wahid Gordji, an Irapect, had lodged a series of complaints of wahid Gordji, an Irapect, had lodg rorist bombings in Paris that killed 13

Conservative politicians have accused the Socialist government of orchestrating the indicument in order to discredit Mr. Boulonque, who was also investigating the be extraordinary for a justice minister to be in Tehran. activities of a group of secret-police opera- unaware that the prosecution office was Mitterrand.

The French are indignant that one can ing magistrate, creating the impression that crime is chasing justice," said Charles Pasqua, a conservative politician

public prosecutions of the Paris Court of permitting him to return to Iran that eve-

That was contradicted by a number of lawyers and politicians, who said it would been held virtual hostages in their embassy tives who reported to President François about to make a decision with such heavy count, Mr. Arpaillange's inexperienced give way to the demand for charges against chief of staff failed to follow the Boulouque case.

France's judiciary is highly politicized, and on Nov. 29, 1987, Mr. Boulouque who was interior minister until the Social- fulfilled what seemed to be a major politiists regained control of the government last cal mission when he conducted a perfunc-

well as freeing French diplomats who had

It was in trying to justify his decision to que and other members of a special anti-free Mr. Gordji that Mr. Boulouque, norabout to make a decision with Such meanly political overtones. According to one actually inaccessible to the press, told the daily Le Figaro that Mr. Saleh was the ringleader in the bombings. He apparently eaked the Gordji dossier, as well, to Le Nouvel Observateur, a weekly.

The magistrate had been ridiculed in the press for seemingly bowing to political pressure in releasing Mr. Gordji. A biting front-page cartoon in Le Monde showed him asking Mr. Gordji whether he would prefer a smoking or nonsmoking seat on

his return flight to Tehran Pierre Truche, the attorney general of

by a single magistrate, Albert Moatty, in what some said was record time.

Several accounts said that Mr. Boulouaroused the envy of a number of other judges. Investigating magistrates, who combine both judicial and prosecutorial functions, earn hazardous-duty pay if they sit on the anti-terrorist panel.

Like district attorneys in the United States, many investigating magistrates routinely brief journalists on their cases, but they often avoid being quoted directly. If Mr. Boulouque is found guilty of violating judicial secrecy, he will lose the Saleh case and could be given some form of suspended sentence for the offense.

WORLD BRIEFS

people and wounded more than 250 in Appeal was going to indict Mr. Boulouque. September 1986. Conservative politicians have accused night. Appeal was going to indict Mr. Boulouque. Argentina Allows Onassis Body to Go. Argentina Allows Onassis Body to Go. We French hostages held in Lebanon, as work." The indictment was issued, though, BUENOS ARRES (Revers) — Argentine officials agreed Wednesday.

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) — Argentine officials agreed Wednesday to allow the body of the shipping hearess Christina Onassis to be flown home to Greece for burial, but pathologists continued tests to determine whether she might have been killed by drugs.

The body, in a sealed coffin in the Greek Orthodox Archbishopric in

Buenos Aires, was flown to Athens on a Swissan flight, a spokesman for the archbishopric said. On Tuesday night, An Argentine judge lifted restrictions that had delayed transfer of the body from Argentina until it

was no longer needed by forensic experts who were trying to establish that she did not die of drug abuse, suicide or homicide.

Miss Onassis, 37, daughter of the shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassir died Saturday, at the home of her friends Alberto and Marina Dodero c the outskirts of Buenos Aires. A judge ruled after an autopsy that she dic of acute pulmonary edema, an excess of fluid in the lungs, possibly caus-by a heart attack. But an expert said there were many causes pulmonary edema and pathologists were looking for barbiturates poison in tests of tissue samples taken from her body.

U.S. Tightens Curbs on Cuba Travel

WASHINGTON (Renters) — The United States tightened restriction Wednesday on travel to Cuba and the transfer of money to Cubans in wednesday on travel to Cuoa and the transfer of money to Cuoans in effort to reduce the flow of hard currency to the country.

In a rule published in the Federal Register, the Treasury Department of that beginning Dec. 23, companies providing travel services, inch. ing tour operators and travel agents, would have to obtain a license from the department's Office of Foreign Assets Control. Banks or other first that serve as intermediaries in forwarding money to Cubans would a have to apply for licenses, the notice said. Companies would have

renew the hoenses every year and provide reports every three monti identifying who traveled to Cuba and who in Cuba received remittance. The United States imposed an embargo on trade and financial transactions with Cuba in July 1963. However, a limited number of U.S. citizen including those with close relatives in Cuba, are allowed to travel ther Americans can send up to \$500 every three months to Cuban relatives

Reagan Vetoes Ethics Legislation

SANTA BARBARA, California (UPI) — President Ronald Reagan vetoed an ethics bill Wednesday that would have restricted the lobbying, activities of administration officials and members of Congress when they

In a statement, the president said the bill was "flawed, excessive and discriminatory" and would drive "America's best talent" away from public service. The bill was the first effort to extend federal ethics laws to members of Congress. The bill would have imposed a lifetime ban on former officials "aiding or advising" anyone on matters in which they were "personally and substantially involved" while in government.

Mr. Reagan killed the measure after a week of intense opposition by most of his cabinet. President-elect George Bush said earlier in Washington that if Mr. Reagan vetoed the legislation, he would submit to the next Congress a strong ethics bill of his own.

Kallies Banned in Yugoslav Province

BELGRADE (AP) - Yugoslav police in the southern province of Kosovo banned all mass gatherings on Wednesday after five days of the region's biggest rallies in more than four decades of Communist rule.

The indefinite ban on mass gatherings in Kosovo was announced by the state-run news agency Tanjug. It quoted Rahman Morina, Kosovo's chief of interior affairs, as saying "extraordinary circumstances have taken place which threaten public order."

The protests in Kosovo were triggered by the forced resignations Nov. 17 of two ethnic Albanian leaders, Kacusa Jasari and Azem Vlasi, under ssure from the Communist Party leadership in the republic of Serbia. Provincial party leaders have promised to review the resignations, possi-bly later this week.

Beirut Clerics Appeal to Shiite Foes

BEIRUT (Reuters) — Lebanon's senior Moslem clerics appealed to warring Shiite groups Wednesday to make peace as a fragile truce held in Beirut's battered southern suburbs.

The appeal, in the immediate aftermath of the most ferocious militia at the appeal, in the immediate atterman of the most rerocous mints battles in six months, was from Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah and Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddine, Sheikh Fadlallah is spiritual leader of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, or Party of God, and Sheikh Shamseddine is vice president of the Higher Shiite Council.

"We call on both sides to settle their differences for good and seek

stable and equal relations to end this tragedy so that everybody can be able to confront the challenges facing them internally and externally," Sheikh Fadlallah said. Two persons were killed and 10 wounded in the inter-Shiite battles into Tuesday night.

For the Record

face up to 30 years in prison.

Interpol elected Ivan Barbot, director-general of the French national police, as its president Wednesday at the general conference of the A copy was obtained by The

international police organization in isangkon. Dat. Dat. (Reuters)
Simpson, director of the U.S. Secret Service. (Reuters)
The International Committee of the Red Cross suspended activities
Wednesday in the southern Lebanese port of Sidon, six days after one of the Red Cross suspended activities
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Wednesday in the southern Lebanese port of Sidon, six days after one of the Red Cross suspended activities The world president of the Church of Scientillogy was jailed Wednesday in Madrid pending investigation of charges ranging from fraud and tand offenses to coercion. If convicted, Heber Jentzsch of Los Angeles could

TRAVEL UPDATE

Seven more airlines have joined the International Air Transport Association in the past six months, bringing membership to 175. They are Aero-Lloyd (West Germany), Airline of the Marshall Islands, Air Littoral (France), Alaska Airline, Loganair (Britain), Smflower Airline (Fiji Islands) and Swedair (Sweden). All-Nippon Airways is expected to join early next year.

Delta Air Lines has made safety improvements, but numerous "defi-ciencies" have still not been corrected, the Federal Aviation Administration said, winding up an inspection that was prompted by a crash Aug. 31 in which 14 people were killed.

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The European Commission is seeking a court injunction to force Italy to allow the Irish carrier Aer Lingus to inaugurate a flight from Dublin to Milan via Manchester.

(Reuers)

KABUL: Chaos Is the Norm

(Continued from Page 1)

in on the capital, a most secure city. To many here, the steadlast re-fusal of Afghan drivers or pedestri-ans to cede the right of way is a metaphor for their unaccommodating uncompromising political con- UN Chief Takes Charge

To Afghans, this belligerent irritability is an expression of weariness and frustration, a reaction to the stress and strain of a long war in which neither side appears to Perez de Cuellar, announced

have gained the allegiance of most Wednesday that he was taking Afghans make it clear that they wish for something else, but in sev-

eral days of informal chats no one has expressed support for any of the active contenders.

"It is a dream, wishful thinking maybe, but in politics there will always be a man on horseback, a man who saves the country." M. Asif Zahir, minister of rural rehabilitation, a non-party cabinet member, said. "We may not know

Nonetheless, the chaotic but ena considerable accomplishment

With the city largely cut off from its productive hinterlands, it has become dependent for basic needs on imports from two countries the Soviet Union and Pakistan.

Despite the fact that guerrillas often block traffic on the two principal roads that link Kabul with those countries, causing shortages,

the supplies arrive.

The lines of cars at gasoline sta-

national reconciliation to take pletes its military withdrawal. The UN General Assembly had voted unanimously to ask him to promote a compromise among the This is the first time the General

the government economizes on fuel. The first thing many Afghans

work is if they had electricity the

Paul Lewis of The New York Times reported from the United Na-

charge of efforts to promote a po-

litical settlement in Afghanistan by

creating a coalition government of

night before.

country's political factions.

Assembly has required the secretary-general to involve himself in the search for a political settlement ergetic street life of Kabul denotes in Afghanistan. The fact that it did so, diplomats say, shows that the Soviet Union believes the United Nations can do more to bring about a coalition government that would include some of Kabul's present Communist rulers, allowing it to complete its military withdrawal on time without a loss of face.

Removed from the role of seeking a settlement was Diego Cordóvez of Ecuador, who negotiated the Geneva accords under which the tions are long, but the cars keep Soviet Union agreed to pull its forces out of Afghanistan by Feb.

U.K. to Decide Today on Tank Purchase Ministry of Defense officials de-

By Warren Getler onal Herald Tribane LONDON - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will meet with cabinet ministers Thursday to se-lect a new generation of battle tanks for the British Army, and

The last time, in a closely watched selection of airborne early warning systems, she selected AWACS radar planes, built by the Boeing Co. of Seattle, over the Brit-ish-built Ninnod.

again will face the delicate choice of buying British or American

The political heat in Parliament generated by that decision was bearable. At the time, there was widespread conviction, particularly among British officers, that the up to 10,000. Possession of a do- 1987. The Challenger 2 is still in the Nimrod aircraft never fulfilled gov- mestic tank industry, some feel, is development stage.

ernment expectations, after nearly central to claims of being a true £1 billion (\$1.8 billion) had been international power. Advanced invested in the project.

That decision to abandon Nimrod did not cripple the British military aerospace industry. On the contrary, Britain went on to land the biggest jet fighter sale ever with Sandi Arabia earlier this year. That sale confirmed Britain's place this year as the West's second largest arms exporter, after the United

But now, observers suggest, in choosing between the Abrams M1Al tank, built in Michigan by General Dynamics Corp., or the Challenger Mark 2 tank, manufactured by Vickers PLC, the stakes are higher. More jobs are at risk —

international power. Advanced clined to comment on these retanks almost certainly will find ports, which suggest that the promarkets abroad and thus improve posed Challenger 2 tank has far to

the nation's trade balance. Last week, more than 100 Conservative members of Parliament petitioned Mrs. Thatcher to buy British, And a editorial in The Times of London followed with this blunt message: "The defense manufacturing industry in Britain

cannot afford another defeat." But British press reports have suggested that senior generals in the Ministry of Defense and at British bases in West Germany prefer the tried-and-tested Abrams, which has been in service with U.S. forces in West Germany since mid-

Henry Dodds, an editor with Jane's Defense Data in London, said: "Both tanks are very good. It would be difficult to choose on technical grounds. But the govern-ment has to take an early decision, that is, on Thursday, because there's been enough uncertainty for "If Vickers wants to secure the

go to overcome problems in firing

accuracy that have dogged an earli-

er model, the Challenger 1. That

tank finished last in an internation-

Industry experts say, however,

that the performance gap between the U.S. and British tanks is far

narrower than the disparity be-

tween the AWACS and the Nim-

al firing competition last year.

export orders that they've been pursuing," he added, "it needs to have confirmation that they have won the British order. It's going to be a photo finish, but I think the government will go British."

An aide to Mrs. Thatcher said Wednesday that a final decision might not be made at the Thursday meeting, which will be attended by ministers of the Foreign Office, the Defense Department, the Finance Department and the Trade Department. But the aide said a decision had to be made soon.

Vickers says that if Mrs. Thatcher ultimately selects a U.S. tank over the Challenger, she would then be sounding the death knell of Britain's tank industry - which claims to have introduced the armored fighting vehicle in World War I. General Dynamics counters with pledges that it is prepared to have its tank assembled in Britain and have numerous components sourced by British firms.



2 DIE IN MADRID BOMBING - Wreckage lies in front of the headquarters of the paramilitary Civil Guard after a carbomb blast Tuesday night killed 2 persons and injured 45. Authorities blamed the ETA separatist group for the blast.

Britain Blocks Delivery

Of Harper's Magazine

ernment has broadened its efforts the book for government review, he

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Harper's magazine in Britain. them to friends as a Christmas
The December issue of Harper's card, according to an introduction

the former director of MI6, Brit- er government has extended the

am's counterintelligence service. Official Secrets Act beyond the Mrs. Thatcher and other officials borders of Britain to censor an

have asserted that Sir Maurice, who American publication," Mr. Mac-

died in 1981, was a homosexual and Arthur said Tuesday.

includes excerpts of "Inside MI6" by the editors of Harper's.

By Albert Scardino

New York Times Service

by Anthony Cavendish, who re-

tired more than 30 years ago.
In a letter last week to the British

distributor of Harper's, Conde

Nast and National Magazine Dis-

tributors Ltd., David Hogg, an as-

sistant Treasury solicitor, warned that the company would run the risk of contempt of a court order if

it delivered its 200 copies of the

The distribution company.

though incorporated in Britain, is owned by two American partners,

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Magazine Co., a division of Hearst.

The government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has tried for

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Mr. Cavendish wrote the book as

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December issue to newsstands.

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Times of London, but the govern-ment obtained an injunction to

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After "Inside M16" was banned,

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cerpts this fall in its American edi-

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contempt action, Granta and its

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Viking Penguin, published an arti-cle about the book, but blanked out

John R. MacArthur, the president and publisher of Harper's,

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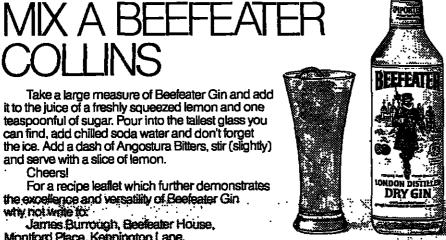
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Mr. Dart, an anatomist, revolutionized the study of human origins with his discovery of an early hu-

The skull was the first early human fossil found in Africa. With his find, Mr. Dart upset orthodox scientific thinking, inspired the extensive searches for a "missing link" between apes and humans throughout Africa and was the forerunner of some of the most illustrious fossil hunters on that continent, such as the Leakey fam-

. The skull, commonly called the Taung child, was found embedded in rock at a mine near Taung, a village 400 miles (about 640 kilometers) southwest of Johannes-

- When Mr. Dart, a professor at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, chipped away the rock, he exposed the nearly complete skull of a 3-year-old child.

human-sized, Mr. Dart, as an expert on the brain, recognized that its shape displayed human charac-

His announcement met with widespread skepticism and even scorn among scientists. Nearly all theories of human origins then assumed that the birthplace of man-kind would be found in Asia, not

Vindication came to Mr. Dart slowly and not until a succession of fossil discoveries by Louis Leakey in East Africa after World War IL

Janet Kidd, 80, daughter of the first Lord Beaverbrook, the Canadian-born newspaper magnate and Ewhurst southwest of London. No cause of death was given.

Margaret C. (Peggy) Parish, 61, the children's author of the "Amelia Bedelia" series and other books, Friday of a ruptured abdominal

Bhutto Says Rivals Are Using Bribes to Block Appointment By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Benarizer Bhutto said Wednesday that unidentified political rivale same of Alebenianan — the people of the people of Alebenianan — the people of Alebenianan —

unidentified political rivals, some of them incumbent government officials, were bribing and intimidat- in Pakistan to go home. ing legislators to prevent her from becoming prime minister.

Miss Bhutto, speaking at a news meeting Tuesday night she told the acting president, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, that any further delay in naming her prime minister was not only unconstitutional but also destabilizing in a country only learning to practice democracy.

Miss Bhutto said that the president agreed to further consultation on the issue and that constitutional experts from her party and from

the government were meeting.
Since Miss Bhutto's party did not win an outright majority in the National Assembly last week, the political situation has been open to considerable interpretation and

A spokesman for the Islamic

On Afghanistan, she repeated assurances that there would be conti-

name, Miss Bhutto said that her political enemies, using their ties to the remaining civilian and military year rule of the late Mohammed not name.
Zia-ul Haq, were attempting to undercut her strength in the legislature before it meets Dec. 5.

She said that ber party would have won in a landslide if there had the remaining civilian and military not been "selective rigging" in cer-officials appointed under the 11-

In national elections Nov. 16, Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party won 92 seats, a plurality but She said that government vehicles were being used for political purposes and that police officers ple. She said Wednesday that she dent and General Beg of her fears were being sent to intimidate legishad the necessary votes to assure a majority, but she has declined to the prime minister should be the people."

Nawaz Sharif, won 55 seats, leaving 40 to independents and the rest to smaller Moslem parties and holders of places reserved for religious minorities and women.

Although most Pakistanis expect Miss Bhutto to be given the first chance to form a government, Mr. Sharif insists he can control more seats and should be the president's

two weeks to name a prime minister. He appeared to want to wait until the National Assembly has met and has elected a speaker and

deputy speaker. Our view is that the National Assembly cannot be called by the president in the absence of a prime minister," Miss Bhutto said. She. said the delay was giving her rivals "a longer time to use the official." machinery to subvert the will of the

JOHANNESBURG - Raylink" between man and ape, died Tuesday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

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kistan's nuclear program. There have been reports that the country conference, said that in a two-hour has the capability of producing un-

Miss Bhutto met Tuesday for three hours with General Mirza Aslam Beg, the army chief of staff.

She said that she told the presi-

Pair Is Arrested for Selling Brooklyn Bridge, Bit by Bit

Mr. Sauco, 37, and Mr. Berisi, NEW YORK — Two men have 36, were charged with grand larce-been charged with dismantling and ny, criminal mischief, reckless enselling parts of the Brooklyn dangerment criminal trespass and A spokesman for the Islamic Bridge, authorities say.

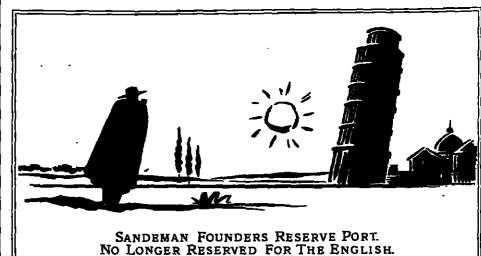
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tempting to deny Miss Bhutto the job of prime minister by building a coalition in the legislature, described her charges of the misuse of power as "completely unfounded."

Miss Bhutto, answering questions on other topics, shied away from detailed discussions of domestic or foreign policy. She declined to say who might be appointed to her cabinet.

Brooklyn Bridge, but what these guys did is not funny, it's danger catwalk of the bridge, and both ous," said Samuel Schwartz, chief engineer with the city's Department of Transportation.

Ruffino Sauco and John Berisi "They were flinging these heavy pieces of metal onto the ground by the bridge," Mr. Schwartz said. "And for our ironworkers, who pieces of the 105-year-old suspension bridge's walkway, said Officer gency repairs in the middle of the Joseph Gallagher, a police spokesman. The material was apparently lives. They're lucky they were man. The material was apparently lives. They're lucky they were





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Bush Names Scowcroft National Security Adviser

By Judith Havemann

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Presidentelect George Bush on Wednesday named Brent Scowcroft, an expert on the Soviet Union and the national security adviser to President Gerald R. Ford, to serve in the same post in the Bush administra-

The timing of the announcement timing was a surprise, but the choice of Mr. Scowcroft was not He had been the leading contender for the job.

"He is not a policymaker in the sense that the secretary of state will be the chief spokesman, obviously, in foreign policy matters," Mr.

ly the feelings of cabinet members that are involved in international affairs."

The president-elect had promised to "reinvigorate" the government by bringing in many new faces from around the country. But in making his appointments so far, he has turned to familiar figures in government or politics.

Mr. Scowcroft, a retired Air Force heutenant general and a pro-tege of Henry A. Kissinger, "has earned the respect of world leaders around the globe," Mr. Bush said.

"Brent is a trusted friend and he understands the White House, he fore going to Maine for a five-day Department, the way the Hill join Mr. Bush in the early-morning

vacation. "He will be an honest works and the intelligence commu-broker. He will convey to me exact-nity as well," the president-elect could be awakened. Mr. Scowcroft when for a works and the intelligence commu-could be awakened. Mr. Scowcroft

Mr. Bush said that when he worked for Mr. Scowcroft as head of the Central Intelligence Agency
in the Ford administration, "Brent emergencies were: "Shake me and Scowcroft made very, very sure wake me." that the intelligence community stayed out of the policy business.

Scowcroft agreed that "caution is called for" in dealing with the Soviissues, but that "that doesn't mean there won't be forward progress."

opportunity," he said.

is well known in Washington for regularly working 18-hour days. Mr. Bush said his orders to Mr.

The self-effacing Mr. Scowcroft succeeded Mr. Kissinger as head of Mr. Bush said that he and Mr. the National Security Council staff under Mr. Ford.

Mr. Bush said Wednesday that et Union on arms control and other Mr. Scowcroft and the current national security adviser, Lientenant General Colin L. Powell, represent-"I do think that we have a great ed the "ideal" in such a role. He said that the "Scowcroft NSC lead-The president-elect joked that ership" would be modeled after understands the military, the State Mr. Scowcroft would be invited to that of the Ford administration. Mr. Scowcroft served on two im-

portant commissions during the eight years of the Reagan administration, one to evaluate various op-tions for the deployment of the MX missile, and the second to study the role of the National Security Council after the fran-contra affair.

The latter, headed by former Senator John C. Tower of Texas, who is under consideration for the job of Secretary of Defense, studied the National Security Council in considerable detail after it was determined that the council staff had been directing the sale of arms to Iran and diverting some of the proceeds to aid the Nicaraguan

■ Comments by Scoweroft In answer to reporters' questions, Mr. Scowcroft said Wednesday that there was "no question" the military budget, The Associated Press reported from Washing-

'It is substantially underfunded," he said, adding that Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci already had taken "some very courageous steps in the direction of readjusting the defense program.

"More has to be done," he said. Questioned about whether U.S. allies should bear more of the defense load for the free world, Mr. Scowcroft said: "It's of course especially important for the United States at this particular time. But I think it's also important to approach this general issue cooperatively with our allies, not combat-

He said it was too soon to say whether East-West negotiations on cutting long-range nuclear forces would resume on schedule in the

Burt Reported

To Be Joining

Investing Firm

The Associated Press

BONN - The U.S. ambas-

sador to West Germany, Rich-

ard R. Burt, will join a New

York investment firm after the Reagan administration ends, a

West German business maga-

zine said Wednesday. Mr. Burt plans to work at

the investment firm Shearson

Lehman Hutton Inc., accord-

ing to Wirtschaftwoche, a

Düsseldorf-based weekly. The

U.S. Embassy in Bonn refused

Wirtschaftswoche said that

several West German compa-

nies had expressed an interest

in Mr. Burt. They included the

media firm Bertelsmann AG,

to confirm the report.

A Pragmatic Professional Takes Over In contrast to Mr Rush he has questioned Mr. Reagan's plans for early deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative missile defense sys-

He has suggested that the developing plan be used as a bargaining chip in U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations, a view Mr. Reagan and Mr. Bush have rejected.

Academy at West Point, New York. He finished pilot training in October 1948 and served in varied operational and administrative positions until 1953.

ceived a master's degree from Columbia University in 1953, becoming an assistant professor of Soviet history at West Point that year.

WASHINGTON - Brent Scowcroft, selectal security adviser to President Gerald R. Ford ed by President-elect George Bush to be his from 1975 to 1977. Earlier, he had served as

national security adviser, is a retired three-star Air Force general known for his moderate views, pragmatism and professionalism.

Mr. Scowcroft, 63, has been called upon frequently over the years for troubleshooting and consensus-building most recently having spearheaded a compromise for the MX missile and having reviewed the Iran-contra scandal for President Ronald Reagan.

The former professor was one of three men Mr. Reagan chose for the special commission that studied his National Security Council staff operations in the secret sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the subsequent diversion of money to Nicaraguan contra rebels. The chairman of that panel, former Senator John Tower of Texas, is said to be Mr. Bush's choice to be secretary of

military assistant to the president (1972 to 1973) and deputy national security adviser (1973 to 1975).

Mr. Scowcroft, a Mormon, was born in Og-den, Utah. He attended the U.S. Military Academy and advanced through the Air Force ranks to lieutenant general. Along the way, he did graduate work at Georgetown University and earned masters and doctorate degrees from Columbia University.

After the Ford administration, Mr. Scowcroft served as an arms control adviser to President Jimmy Carter. He also served on a number of special commissions, including one appointed by Mr. Reagan to study basing possibilities for the MX missile, and was on a Council on Foreign Relations group that studied the prob-lems of U.S. bases in the Philippines.

Mr. Scowcroft was born March 19, 1925, and was graduated in 1947 from the U.S. Military

He married Marian Horner in 1951 and re-

In 1964, he was first assigned to the Penta-

DISARM: Allies Are Nearly Ready to Open Talks on Conventional Arms

has been strongly influenced by France." Mr. Thomas said, adding, We are conceptually on the same

The thrust of the Western armscut proposal — which officials said could be ready in time to be announced at a NATO ministerial meeting in early December — concerns the proportion of "stationed forces" on both sides, an approach

Manila Arrests A Union Leader

The Associated Press

MANILA - Police arrested a leader of a militant transportation union Wednesday after he threatened to expand a strike by drivers of passenger jeeps, anthorities said.

Deogracias Espiritu, secretary of an association of drivers known as PISTON, had threatened to broaden the walkout after President Corazon C. Aquino refused demands of the group for an immediate reforces independent of the NATO duction in commodity prices or a freeze in fare reductions. General Alfredo Lim, the Manila police chief, said Mr. Espiritu wor charged with inciting to sedition.

Mr. Espiritu was the second union leader arrested since PIS-TON began a transport strike Monday in Manila and Cebu. The union president, Medardo Roda, was arrested Monday and charged with inciting sedition. Passenger jeeps are the main form of land transport in the Philippines.

of Eastern European nations.

This approach reflects a French ceilings for the number of tanks

promise to accept deeper cuts on NATO or the Warsaw Pact, plus 12

the Soviet side than in the West. Overall, the country-by-country NATO and the Warsaw Pact, which currently enjoys military superiority in conventional forces in

Енгоре, This idea of equal ceilings for both alliances is viewed in Wash-rate and simple as possible. ington as a politically appealing tives. But France, which keeps its Tuesday, stipulates that the concommand, opposes the formulation because it would lump French forces into NATO. So this goal will not be adopted officially, but negotiators will keep it in mind, U.S.

officials said. The "mandate," officials said, needs only a solution to a few remaining human rights issues, which would clear the way for a human rights conference in Moscow in 1991. "The Soviets have our list of conditions, which only involves

tailored to move Soviet forces out the past they were prepared to do,"

a U.S. official said. "There may be scut work that idea that NATO should seek to cut carries us into the new year, but Soviet forces in any single country everybody wants Vienna to happen to a ratio of that nation's own now," the official said. Agreement army. "We won't talk about ra-at Vienna is a condition to the tios," a U.S. official said. "We'll set conventional talks, which are seen as an outgrowth of the ongoing and artillery, but it amounts to the same thing." East-West political dialogue stemming from the Helsinki Final Act Soviet forces are much larger in signed in 1975. The Helsinki meet-the Warsaw Pact than U.S. forces ing set up the Conference on Secuare in Western Europe, so this ap-rity and Cooperation in Europe proach will test the readiness of (CSCE), a forum involving 35 na-President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's tions — the 23 nations aligned in

neutral or nonaligned nations. The U.S.-French friction foapproach is expected to produce a cused on how tightly the disarmafinal package that would leave an ment talks will be embedded in the even balance of forces between framework of the CSCE with France wanting tight linkage between the 23-nation disarmament talks and the 12 neutral nations. while the United States wants to

A compromise formula, reached way to formulate Western objec- at NATO offices in Brussels on ventional arms negotiations will be for future maneuvering in inter-preting this formulation as the talks progress, said that it closed

Western ranks in Vienna. France had reopened this question last week after Mr. Mitterrand suddenly decided to review the Western position, apparently be-cause he was annoyed by repeated references to the talks as "NATOsteps that they've already said in Warsaw Pact negotiations" during

his conversations in Bonn last Friday with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany.

In the French view, the CSCE context underscores the fact that the conventional arms talks -- in contrast to nuclear arms negotia-tions, which are conducted bilaterally by the superpowers — involve all the nations with forces in Eu-

In addition, a French presidential aide said, the arms talks must be seen as part of a larger process breaking down the division of Europe, the goal being pursued by stages within the CSCE.

The CSCE will also seek to reduce the risk of military confrontation in another set of planned talks. on confidence-building measures in Europe, providing for inspections and other precautions to prevent surprise attack.

A quick breakthrough in these talks, expected to be comparatively simple, could help maintain momentum in the overall conventional arms-control talks, according to an official involved in U.S. planning. official involved in U.S. planning.

Western diplomats had original-"autonomous within the CSCE ly planned to divide Europe into process," U.S. and French officials negotiating zones, for a staged apsaid. Both sides, while preparing proach to the complex problem of cutting tanks and artillery and armored personnel carriers in so many armies and so many coun-

> But the zone proposal, a U.S. official said, was being discarded and replaced by the plan to target Soviet forces stationed outside the Soviet Union, which he described as the main source of instability in

Corporal Saraiva Antunes aupeared on a balcony and, without warning, began firing on the bar-racks parade ground with a rifle, the spokesman said. Mr. Antunes then locked himself in a room and shot himself, inflicting serious wounds, guard sources said.

the electronics company Sie-mens AG, and the industrial concern Daimler-Benz AG.

Soviet Troops Die

(Continued from Page 1) small hamlet of Topkhana, where the disputed construction was suspended last Friday, and in Yerevan, to urge resumption of the Su-

No injuries were reported in either Yerevan or Baku, although Salevi A. Perets, a spokesman for the official Azerbaijani information bureau, said there had been "some hooliganism" in Baku, "When you have so many people and feelings

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Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, peeled an apple during a meeting at his home at which he and his aides decided to end negotiations to join the Likud bloc in forming a coalition government.

ISRAEL: A U.S. Rabbi Holds the Balance of Power

(Continued from Page 1) the votes were enough to form the balance of power between Israel's two major parties in the stalemated

Last week, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir won the endorsements of Agudat and Shas for another term in office. He did it by bowing to demands that critics say could seriously curtail religious freedom in Israel and place new restrictions on the definition of who is a Jew. That in turn could lead to an attack on the legitimacy of the the Reform

and Conservative movements to which most American Jews belong. Rabbi Schneerson's triumph illustrates what critics see as the weakness of Israel's paralyzed elec-toral system. It enabled a small group of Jewish fundamentalists to force through their own political agenda, one that may prove ultimately detrimental to Israel's inter-

But it also illustrates the deep resonance of conflicts within the Jewish world, in which a religious dispute that began in 18th-century Russia and, separately, a bitter turf fight between rival American Jewish groups, have spilled over into the modern Jewish state.

"Where else would a 200-yearold tribal fend dictate who is the next prime minister?" asked Rabbi David Hartman, an Orthodox Jewish philosopher. "Everyone from the Jewish past has come here to live and to struggle. We didn't succeed in creating a new Jewish society. And now we've ransomed our political freedom to people who believe in magic rites and curses, and they're the ones who may get to define who is a Jew and who isn't."

most modern of Judaism's diverse ultra-Orthodox sects. And its spiritual leader, Rabbi Schneerson, is one of the most charismatic and controversial figures in the Jewish

Rabbi Schneerson's lectures are broadcast on cable television throughout the United States and overseas and made available on videocassettes. The Habad "mitzvamobile," a van litted with a loudspeaker to call the faithful, leaders often find their way to Rab- year.

men to come inside for prayer.

Habad, whose annual budget reportedly exceeds \$50 million, also education schools, crisis intervention centers and drug rehabilitation clinics. Many of its financial supporters are not ultra-Orthodox, but secularists who admire Habad's institutions and its good works on behalf of Jews worldwide.

But there is another side to Habad that troubles many Jewish theologians and many of its fellow ultra-Orthodox. While some are merely bothered by the gimmickry of the mitzvamobile and other Habad innovations, others see strains of intolerance and fanaticism running through the movement.

The struggle over the divisive question of who is a Jew is an example. While most other ultra-Orthodox leaders have sought to play it down, Rabbi Schneerson has pressed the issue for 30 years, insisting on amending Israel's Law of Return to require that all who convert to Judaism from other faiths do so under the precepts of traditional Jewish law, which is not honored by Reform Jews and only partially adhered to by many Con-

servatives. His followers say Rabbi Schneerson wants the amendment because he wants Israel to be truly a state of the Jews. But critics point to other motives that have little to do with Israel

Habad sees itself locked into a competition for Jewish souls with movements, who in effect are its main rivals for young American Habad, the movement at the cen- Jews. It sees these modern moveter of this dispute, is perhaps the ments as illegitimate and potentialtity issue to undermine them by delegitimizing their rabbis and their conversions.

Habad's relationship to Israel differs from other ultra-Orthodox, many of whom do not recognize the Jewish state. Habad members have long served in the Israeli army and Habad's schools are part of the government's religious education network, not separated the way Agudat's institutions are. Israeli

distributes candles to families for bi Schneerson's Crown Heights the Jewish Sabbath and encourages home. Menachem Begin was a reghome. Menachem Begin was a reg-ular visitor, as are Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir.

Judaism recognizes no priests or boasts an international network of seminaries, summer camps, adult supposedly is equal before God. Yet rebbes traditionally are said to have special powers. Rabbi Schneerson purportedly has healed the sick, restored fertility to barren women and averted family trage-

He has never claimed publicly to be the messiah, but critics say he has been slow to deny the claim when made by his followers. They contend that this is why Rabbi Schneerson has never set foot in Israel; under Jewish tradition, the messiah will arrive only when the era of redemption begi

■ Opposition in U.S.

America's major alliance of Orthodox rabbis has split with Israel's Orthodox religious parties that have been urging a new govern-ment to change the definition of who is a Jew, The New York Times reported from New York.

The Rabbinical Council of America supports removal of this issue from the political agenda," the alliance said in a telegram to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The council is a moderate Orthodox group that says it represents about 1,000 Orthodox rabbis, or 90 percent of the Orthodox rabbis with major congregations across the United States.

■ Rabbis Defend Plan

Israel's two chief rabbis criticized on Wednesday U.S. Jewish the Reform and Conservative groups for making a "big fuss" over a proposed change in the legal defi-nition of who is a Jew, The Associated Press reported from Jerusa-

> bi Mordechai Eliahu and Rabbi Avraham Shapiro stressed they had no desire to cause a division with adherents of the Reform and Conservative streams of Judaism that

predominate in North America. They argued the changes were designed to affect only Israel, where virtually all Jews are Orthodox, and would directly touch only a few non-Orthodox converts who wish to immigrate to Israel each

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Civil Guard Opens Fire

LISBON - A Portuguese civil guard corporal opened fire at a Lisbon barracks Wednesday, killing four of his colleagues and wounding 12 others, then tried to call police protection has been set

preme Soviet meeting.

are running so high, it's hard for people to hold themselves in check," Mr. Perets said.

ing to one resident, were afraid that Tuesday, was considered to be ter. the boiling emotions in Azerbaijan might result in another and the consequence of the conseq might result in another anti-Armenian attack like the one Feb. 28 and up in predominantly Armenian regions of Baku.

The Associated Press

HUNGARY: Signs of Change

Politburo members regarded a liberals, Imre Pozsgay and Rezso

Apparently in a compromise gesture, the Central Committee nominated Mr. Nyers, 65, the author of Hungary's original economic program for change in 1968, to the newly created post of "government tralia's population grew by 268,600 economic minister," a position party officials said would be equiva-

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lent to being a deputy prime minis-

Non-Communist political active pendent from Mr. Grosz than sev- ists and Western diplomats said the eral rival candidates, including two choice of Mr. Nemeth could work against the declared goals of the political change because of his relative lack of stature and close association with Mr. Grosz.

> Mr. Nemeth acknowledged the criticism but said he would not play a subordinate role. "I think my commitment to reform both in the economic and political sphere has been obvious both inside and outside the country," he said.

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PRAGUE: A Crackdown

(Continued from Page 1) group that said, when it was formed last year, that it would lobby for greater political pluralism, has suspended activities because of official harassment.

Leaders of the Movement for

Civil Freedom, whose goal is to promote political activity outside the Communist Party, said that members' homes had been searched and that many people had been summoned to police stations for questioning. We were originally 122 people but nevertheless many other people were interested, and we could expect hundreds or even thousands would like to join," said Vaclav Benda, one of the organizers. "But

the regime's reaction has been correspondingly harsh, with threats and the decision to begin investigations of our members Mr. Benda said he had been told of at least 25 house searches since the end of October, and that about

10 people had been summoned daily for questioning.
One of those jailed was Ivan Jirous, who was arrested earlier this month for gathering signatures in a petition to demand a full explanation of the death during pre-trial detention of another dissident, Pa-

vel Wonka. An official autopsy and a later review by independent foreign medical experts absolved the authorities of responsibility in Mr. Wonka's death. But human-rights campaigners

say they believe the government

may not have been entirely forth-

coming in revealing the circum-

stances of his death. Paris Is Being Buzzed Again

Agence France-Presse PARIS — France's "Black Baron" struck again Tuesday night, flying a light plane illegally over the Elysee Palace of the French Police and Medicarday No. dent, police said Wednesday. No one knows if the spate of flights over Paris by light planes is the work of one pilot or several, but the press has baptized all of them as flights by the "Black Baron."

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How Infants Learn About Life From Television

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

WHEN infants as young as 10 months old watch television, they are not simply staring at pretty patterns and colors on the screen. Instead, they are often engaged in learning tasks that promote their intellectual development, new research suggests.

Watching television, certain kinds of programs at least, can help infants acquire langnage skills, the ability to perform physical tasks and an understanding that what they are watching is related to the rest of life around them, researchers say.

Some studies are finding that television helps teach infants the skills necessary for learning language just as effectively as reading simple stories to them. And in one new finding, scientists said that an infant could learn to take to pieces a new toy by watching a demonstration on television.

The latest research, published in the current issue of Child Development, also refutes an influential theory, which maintained that to understand that a two-dimensional image. such as a painting or television image, represents three-dimensional reality, an infant must acquire that knowledge. The latest finding suggest that the ability is imate, "The little ones can more or less learn from television as they would from a beat," soid

television as they would from a book," said Mabel Rice, a psychologist at the University of Kansas, "especially if the program is de-signed for it, like 'Sesame Street.'"

Infants under one year pay attention to the screen for only about 10 percent of the time they are exposed to it, while babies from one to two years watch for about 30 percent of the time that the television is on, according to a study by Daniel Anderson, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

"Between one and two, babies' language comprehension is way ahead of what they can say," Mr. Anderson said. "They can make sense of the kind of slow-moving, simple segments you see on 'Sesame Street,' but still may have trouble understanding the quick montage editing that is the visual language of most television shows.

The youngest age at which infants seem to understand what they are watching on televi-sion is 10 months, the researchers said. But there are special difficulties in studying the mental reactions of infants before they can

Mabel Rice reported in The Journal of Child Language that an important language skill that television could help infants to learn was the matching of a name to an object. In her research, done with Dafna Lemish, a psychologist, toddlers of 12 to 18 months were observed as they watched television at home with a parent. "We found that the toddlers used the television just as if it were a talking picture book," Ms. Rice said.

Such learning from the television is en-hanced if an adult watches television with the infant and talks about what they are seeing, said Gabriel Solomon, a psychologist at the University of Tel Aviv.

Apart from language, infants seem to learn how to deal with the physical world from watching television, according to additional research published in Child Development. In a study by Andrew Meitzoff, a psychologist at the University of Washington, babies as young as 14 months were able to learn from watching TV how to manipulate a toy

they had never seen before. In the study, babies watched a small blackand-white television monitor. On the screen, they saw a man pick up a special dumbbell-shaped toy that could be pulled apart.

For 20 of the babies, their parents then put the same toy on the table in front of them; 13 of the 20 immediately picked up the toy and pulled it apart, as they had seen demonstrated on television. Another group of 20 was not shown the toy until the next day.

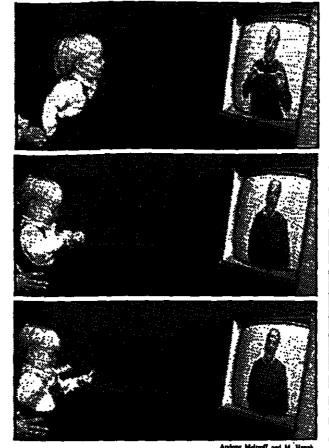
Still, eight of them also showed that they knew what to do with the toy by pulling it apart. This showed, Mr. Meltzoff said, that babies could absorb information on first viewing, then apply it appropriately when the opportunity arose, even when that moment was much later.

Babies in a group that watched the adult on television pick up the toy but not take it apart did more poorly on the task. Only four of 10 could take the toy apart immediately after the television display and only one of 10 could take the toy apart a day later. Mr. Meltzoff's study also has strong theo-

retical implications. Theorists have long wondered whether infants can understand that a small, two-dimensional image on a screen represents what goes on in the world around "Some theories have held that infants don't

recognize the correspondence between an image on the TV screen and the real object it represents, Mr. Meltzoff said.

"Our work shows that this ability is there quite early, before language," Mr. Meltzoff said. "We suspect it may be innate."



IN BRIEF

Reagan Signs Superconductivity Bill

WASHINGTON (NYT) - Over the objections of the energy secretary, John S. Herrington, President Ronald Reagan has signed legislation establishing a program to speed research and development in superconductivity, a new field of science that could revolutionize energy, electronics and transportation industries.

Superconductivity is a phenomenon in which certain materials exhibit virtually no resistance to the flow of electric current. Scientists say. superconductivity could lead to such advances as high-speed power lines and magnetically levitated trains.

Mr. Herrington had argued that a national plan would result in the government's "becoming entangled in the affairs of commercial enterprise and usurping industry prerogatives to compete freely."

Fragments Linked to Lethal Asteroid

WASHINGTON (WP) - Two geologists said they have discovered what appear to be tiny fragments of an asteroid that slammed into the Earth 66 million years ago, just about the time that scientists suspect an asteroid collision triggered a global mass extinction that wiped out the dinosaurs. The fragments may be pieces of the lethal asteroid.

The dustlike particles were found in Zumaya, Spain, in the same thin

layer that contains an unusually high concentration of the element ridium, which is scarce on the Earth's surface but common in asteroids. The report was presented last month at a conference on global catastrophes by Stanley V. Margolis and Eric F. Doehne of the University of California at Davis.

Wetlands Preservation Goals Urged

WASHINGTON (AP) - An environmental study has recomm that Congress set a national goal of reversing the centuries-old trend of

destroying more wetlands than are created. The report by the National Wetlands Policy Forum called on Congress'

to approve legislation encouraging the formation of wetlands preserva-tion trusts, perhaps by restoring some tax incentives for land donations that were restricted by the 1986 tax law overhaul.

The report says that the Louisiana coast must get priority attention in considering a search for public land for wetlands restoration, perhaps through diversion of Mississippi River sediment into the region. The Louisiana coast is suffering "extremely high wetlands losses from ero-

A Way to Eradicate Deadly Ticks

WASHINGTON (WP) — A method of controlling ticks that spread Lyme disease has been developed at the Harvard School of Public Health, researchers said. They said it can eradicate ticks from treated areas, lowering the risk of spreading the potentially debilitating disease. The disease was discovered in 1975 in Lyme, Connecticut. Early

Among the many astrophysicists impressions suggested it caused joint pain resembling arthritis, but it has sulted during the yearlong prepara-tion of their wormhole report was Dr. Robert M. Wald, a prominent theoretical physicist at the Universince been found that the effects can be far more severe. Heart disorders and brain damage can also result, sometimes many years after the tick bite. More than 1,500 cases were reported last year.

The disease is caused by a parasite, called a spirochete, carried by deer ticks and injected into the bodies of animals or people that the tick happens to bite for a blood meal.

Couples Still Healthier Than Singles

BOSTON (UPI) - Despite changes in American marital patterns. Within such a minuscule region, married and unmarried couples who live together are healthier overall than their single, divorced and widowed counterparts, a government which is far smaller even than an atom, quantum "fluctuations" con-

tinuously occur; particles sponta-neously jump into and out of exisresearcher has reported. Charlotte Schoenborn of the National Center for Health Statistics said a 1987 survey of 122,859 people in 47,240 families nationwide found tence or change in character. The married and cohabiting people had fewer health problems than unmardramatic changes that go on inside ried people. the microstructure of what scien-

"We basically found that yes, married people are generally healthier," said Ms. Schoenborn while presenting her findings during a meeting of the American Public Health Association.

nary world because their scale is too small and their collective aver-**Big Bellies and Heart Problems** aged effects cancel each other out. But experiments have shown, ac-

WASHINGTON (AP) - If one's panich is fatter than one's haunch, cording to Dr. Thome, that events the chances are one is at greater risk of having a heart attack, a stroke or within the "quantum foam" can be manipulated to some extent, pro-

ducing effects observable in the Scientists at the American Heart Association meeting said recently that series of studies in the United States, Europe and Canada have confirmed that a pooling of fat about the middle is a clear signal of hear attack risk

A Santa Claus-style belly can be as dangerous to the heart as cigarette smoking, high blood pressure or excess cholesterol in the bloodstream, said Per Bjorntorp of the University of Goteborg in Sweden.

'Wormholes' in Space May Be Key to Time Travel

By Malcolm W. Browne Yurtsever of the California Insti-New York Times Service

OULD some advanced civilization devise a tunnel that would open shortcuts through space between distant regions of

the universe or through time into

The traditional reaction of most scientists to such notions is to dismiss them as science fiction. But three theoretical astrophysicists have published a suggestion that the laws of physics might not prohibit such "wormhole" travel through space and time.

Dr. Kip S. Thorne and Dr. Ulvi

By William K. Stevens

Peruvian Andes around Lake Titi-

caca a simple but ingenious form of

agriculture that enabled ancient

the face of flood, drought and the killing frost of those 12,000-foot

Now archaeologists have discovered the secrets of those pre-Co-

lumbian fields and found that the

techniques can outperform modern agricultural technologies under cir-cumstances found throughout

much of the Third World today. Using what is known as experimental archaeology, the scientists have restored an art that died out and was mostly lost even before the arrival of the Spanish Conquista-

All that survived were eroding traces of raised, rectangular platforms of earth alternating with canals in a corduroy pattern across thousands of acres of flat expanse. Modern-day Peruvian Indians called the platforms waru waru and

behind by a revered "first race"

who ruled the area before the Incas

dors in the 16th century.

(3,600-meter) altitudes.

ples to reap bumper crops in

tute of Technology and Dr. Mi-chael S. Morris of the University of Wisconsin presented their startling conclusion in a recent paper in Physical Review Letters. This prestigious scientific journal is an official publication of the American Physical Society, and it accepts sci-entific papers for publication only after they have been rigorously re-

viewed by independent experts. Dr. Thorne and his colleagues stopped short of predicting that anyone would ever travel through cosmic "wormholes." It has yet to is not theoretically possible, they

Archaeologists Revive a Lost Secret

Of Farming in the Peruvian Andes

ruled out, they said, although it would probably be possible to settle the issue one way or the other on theoretical grounds. Science would profit from a concerted effort to resolve the question, they said.

If travel into the past could be

shown to be at least theoretically possible, the mere possibility would have profound philosophical and scientific consequences. Since a time traveler might theoretically be able to change events that occurred in the past, including his or her own birth, the rules of caube proved whether such travel is or sality on which science is based would be thrown into confusion.

In summarizing the complex

has continued since, and Dr. Erick-

perimentation, potato yields aver-

compared with 1 to 4 metric tons

on surrounding conventional fields

which used modern fertilizers.

During the first five years

for interstellar travel, then that wormhole can be converted into a time machine with which causality might be violable. Whether wormholes can be created and maintained entails deep, ill-understood The possible existence of "worm-

holes" is a theoretical consequence of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, which also provided the varped in bizarre ways.

space, the traveler must proceed the surface of an apple.

space was warped into a tunnel in a literal way). piercing the innards of the apple le — the i speculation about wormholes during the past few decades, although tween parallel, monually invisible

real one. In 1935, Einstein and Nathan

an advanced civilization to create Rosen calculated that a superdense object would curve space-time (the combined mathematical represenand maintain a wormhole in space tation of space and time) so tightly that a kind of "throat" would form connecting two different regions of Relativity and theoretical astro-

physics draw from a branch of mathematics called topology, which studies the deformations in geometric constructions. One such construction is a simple, two-ditheoretical basis for black holes - mensional surface that merges with regions in space where the density a protruding "handle." The surface of matter approaches infinity and of the handle is actually a stretched where both space and time are and distorted extension of the twodimensional surface. The surface of For ordinary journeys through the handle of a coffee cup, for example, is actually an extension of through three dimensions of space the surface of the cup itself, despite and one dimension of time, followits deformed shape.

ing a mathematically curved trajec-tory analogous to the trajectory a worm follows while crawling over space as well as in two-dimensional surfaces like the outsides of coffee But if a traveler could find a cups (although higher-dimensional higher-dimensional shortcut where handles are impossible to visualize

Topological considerations of distant point on the surface could have led to speculation that a signal aged 10 metric tous per hectare be greatly shortened. Such was the or object might pass along a handle reasoning that has led to much as a shortcut between regions distant in space or time or even be-

possible that eventually someone might capture a fleeting quantum wormhole and make use of it in our large-scale frame of existence.

necting tunnels through space and

sity of Chicago. Dr. Wald said that space-time "handles" spontaneous-

ly spring into and out of existence

at the "quantum level" - the ul-

trasmall world of subnuclear parti-

tists call the "quantum foam" are not generally observed in the ordi-

time would be wormholes

considered them to be signs left

In the archaeological experiment, Peruvians using ancient implements have reconstructed the raised-platform fields according to specifications derived from the ex-

The prehistoric technology has proved so productive, so hardy and ive in its modern application that it is being held out as a possible alternative for many parts of the Third World where scarce resources and harsh conditions have frustrated the advance of the high-tech Green Revolution.

Fields constructed and plante according to what has been termed "raised-field agriculture" require no chemical fertilizer or modern machinery. They cost almost nothing, except human labor. They are farmed with variants of ancient implements rather than expensive tractors and plows.

They have outyielded conventional, capital-intensive fields as producers of potatoes, one of the region's main crops. When conventional fields die in a drought or flood, these mostly survive. It was Dr. Clark Erickson, an

archaeologist at the Museum of Archaeology-Anthropology in the University of Pennsylvania, who found out how the raised fields worked in practice, how they were farmed, what made them so successful and therefore so wide-

Near the Peruvian community of Huatta on a northwestern bay of Lake Titicaca, Dr. Erickson attempted to re-create not only the fields but the way in which the ancients had cultivated them.

duced to the region as a replace

When that had been done and the results were in, he said, "we realized it was such a fantastic system that maybe it could be re-intro-

ment for some of the capital- by families of Quechua Indians, intensive systems."

COR centuries, beginning Eroded remains of the ancient son estimated that up to 200 acres I around 3,000 years ago, there raised-field platforms and canals were now being cultivated. Cover more than 200,000 acres plains around Lake Titicaca.

The raised platforms, on which the crops were planted, range from 13 to 33 feet wide, 33 to 330 feet long, and about three feet high Between them are canals of like size

Reconstruction of some of the fields began in 1981. Cultivation,



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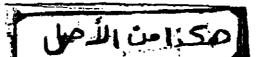
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Canada Looks Forward

Mulroney's Mandate

Brian Mulroney now has the mandate he sought for free trade with the United States. More important, Canadian voters rejected the opposition's anti-American pandering and helped redefine their nation as a forward-looking, self-confident participant in

an interdependent world.

Prime Minister Mulroney's victory did not match the margin of his 1984 landslide. But, in a three-cornered race against the Liberals and the New Democrats, the 43 percent won by his Progressive Conservative Party was enough for a 22-seat edge. And the Conservatives made significant gains in the industrial power centers.

The election was forced by the refusal of the Liberal-dominated Senate to ratify the free trade agreement without a national referendum. Courageously, Mr. Mulroney called an election instead. Two earlier governments had been voted out of office on similar free trade proposals.

For a time, after the Liberal leader. John Turner, assailed Mr. Mulroney in debate for having "sold out" to Washington, the Conservatives looked doomed. But Mr. Turner and Ed Broadbent, leading the New Democrats, pressed their anti-American case too far, raising threats about the impact of free trade that were shown to be blatant misrepresentations. Mr. Mulroney's

Setting an Example

Canada, after sharp and searching debate, decided in the end to vote for growth and economic strength. During the past four decades, the world's rich countries all of them - have grown much richer by vigorously expanding their foreign trade. For each, that has meant opening up mar-kets at home much more widely than many citizens thought safe. The foreign trade strategy is risky and sometimes frightening. as old industries crumble under competitive pressures and new ones rise. It is always more comfortable to stick with what is familiar, and to shut the disruptive foreigners out. When Canadians voted on Monday to keep Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives in power, and to put in force the free trade agreement with the United States, they were voting to open their economy still wider to the world.

Opposition to wider trade comes from the people who doubt their country's ability to compete and who want to be shielded from the turbulence and stresses of the world economy. It is an isolationist and defeatist line of argument, and, having thought about it carefully, 43 percent of Canada's voters decided that they didn't like it. In Canada's three-party parliamentary politics, that gives Mr. Mulroney a comfortable majority in the House of Commons. Slightly more than half of the votes were split between the Liberal and New

clear victory makes it all but certain that the agreement, already approved by Washington, will be ratified in time to take effect on Jan. 1, as scheduled. But he, and the United States, must reckon with the fact that the bitterly divisive campaign revealed genuine nervousness about the pact among many Canadians. The Liberals doubled their strength in the House of Commons. Thus Mr. Mulroney and his countrymen need breathing space to digest the giant step they have agreed to.

If President-elect George Bush wants to reassure Canadians that they are paired with a friend and not a monster, nothing would be more welcome in Ottawa than for him to reaffirm his campaign pledge to take action on acid rain, the outstanding sore point in U.S.-Canadian relations.

The free trade agreement is a 10-year plan for removing all existing trade restrictions between the two nations, and it commits both to raising no new barriers. Some important disputes have yet to be resolved, and the agreement has a system to resolve them. But the overriding message is that the two North American powers are entering into open trade with each other, strengthening both to meet the increasing competitiveness of Japan and Western Europe. Their historic commitment should be an example for the world.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Democratic parties, both of which opposed the trade agreement. In Canada as in the United States, resistance to trade expansion remains a force to be reckoned with.

In the United States, the picture of Canada as a lamb about to be sheared by the wily Americans has always seemed hudicrous. The sophisticated, well financed Canadian companies rolling into American markets bear a different message. Canada is, after all, a country with a population smaller than Colombia's or Thailand's and thinly dispersed over an enormous subarctic expanse, which has built itself into one of the world's seven most powerful industrial democracies.

Whichever way it went, the Canadian election was clearly going to have an impact on the worldwide trading system. The Canadian and U.S. negotiators drafted this free trade agreement not only to serve their own national interests but also to provide a model for the revision now under way of the world's obsolescent and inadequate trading rules, known as GATT — the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Work on it resumes at a meeting in Montreal next month.

Had Canada voted down the trade agreement with the United States, it would have accelerated the drift in Europe and Asia toward inward-looking trading blocs to which neither Canada nor the United States belongs. Instead, with confidence and courage, Canada has asserted a North American standard for open world trade.

-- THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Future for Savimbi

have accepted the American-mediated plan for a regional political settlement in southern Africa. The plan does not - could not -lay down an internal political settlement within civil-war-torn Angola, however, and over that gap an argument goes on in the United States. One side fears that the American plan will save Jones Savimbi, the Angolan rebel leader, and the other side that it will destroy him.

From the moment the Reagan administration started aiding the Savimbi forces in 1985, a large number of critics thought it a mistake. The Washington Post was among them. The aid, this reasoning went, made the United States a partner of Mr. Savimbi's chief patron, the apartheid regime of South Africa. But time has proved that the resulting taint, while hardly beneficial to American policy, was not disabling, either. The developing record demonstrates that U.S. support of the Savimbi UNITA movement has contributed to the negotiation

whose fruits are coming into view. The more politically telling attack on the U.S. plan now comes from President Reagan's right. The anxious cry is that the State Department, typically subverting Mr. Reagan's true intentions, is selling out Jonas

Cuba, Angola and now South Africa Savimbi. These critics fear that the military de-escalation which America is arranging in Angola abandons Mr. Savimbi to the Soviet

supported MPLA regime now in power.
But UNITA is not being disarmed. President-elect George Bush, uncontradicted indeed, reinforced - by Congress, has given his own assurances on this score. And Mr. Savimbi is not the victim but the beneficiary of the American plan, which calls for the prompt retirement of Cuban forces from the (southern) part of Angola most important to him. Meanwhile, various African governments are working to arrange a UNITA-MPLA reconciliation.

Not only does this goal become more urgent for the MPLA as the Cubans depart. Mr. Savimbi's national political standing can only improve as South Africa follows up its already consummated withdrawal from Angola by granting independence on the now-agreed short timetable to Namibia - developments which are worthy in their own right and which blunt much of the charge that UNITA is merely a tool of a maranding South Africa. Mr. Savimbi seems more confident than many of his American triends that the political track allows him to

claim a share of power in Angola. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

A Communist Fifth Column

East Germany and the Soviet Union are engaged in what Moscow has termed a "misunderstanding" "misunderstanding" over the refusal of the East German authorities to distribute an official Soviet publication. Minor in itself, the dispute is evidence of a far deeper "misunderstanding" in which not only East Germany but the majority of other Warsaw Pact states find themselves on the wrong side of the Kremlin. The changes being drafted in Moscow threaten the security of

the East German Communist establish-

ment. The regime which has hitherto been

regarded as the most orthodox exponent of

Marxist-Leninism suddenly finds itself being undermined by the erstwhile guardian

of orthodoxy, the U.S.S.R. Mr. Gorbachev has not yet articulated a coherent policy toward Eastern Europe. Last week this lack of guidance allowed President Ceausescu to join Herr Honecker in claiming to be the true keepers of the Communist word. This statement provides opponents of the Gorbachev reforms inside the Soviet Union with a stick to beat him with as the reforms start to 20 sour. So long as old-style leaders remain in power in Eastern Europe, there is a fifth column ready and waiting to

assist a retreat in Moscow. - The Times (London).

A Kinder, Gentler Party?

President-elect George Bush may want a kinder, gentler nation, but the man he has chosen to head the Republican Party, Lee Atwater, is a master of the junkyard-dog brand of campaigning. Mr. Bush badly needs Democratic help in Congress if he is to have a successful presidency. He may have a hard time obtaining it if his handpicked party chairman is out in the field assassinating the character of Democrats.

- The Milwaukee Journal.

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OPINION

Transition: Bush Is Already Governing

WASHINGTON — The poet in the soul of the president-elect must be muttering. The world is too much with us." We are witnessing a remarkable extraconstitutional occurrence. George Bush's presidency has begun two months before his inauguration.

From a beach in Florida to a hall in Algiers, the world, in the form of market forces and men of force, is pestering him, and he is responding in ways that constitute governing. In Algiers, the Palestine National Council, mock parliament of the Pal-

estine Liberation Organization's make-believe state, ginned up a dip-lomatic missive addressed directly to Mr. Bush. In Florida, Mr. Bush, to the relief of marine life, had to haul himself from the churning surf to calm various financial markets that were responding to several stimuli.

There was, and is, the intersection

There was, and is, the intersection of two suspicions. One is that Mr. Bush, by believing that new taxes are unnecessary, is confirming the axiom that optimism usually is the product of intellectual error. The second sensible suspicion is that Mr. Bush means what he says about his adament what he says about his adament. mant opposition to new taxes. Mr. Bush is not a bit like General de Gaulle who, with Gallic cynicism of a sort not taught at Andover, said

Who Replaces

The Winners?

By Al Kamen

WASHINGTON —The post-election transi-

tainty. If either member of the winning ticket became unable to serve, for example, it is not at all clear who the successor would be or even how

In this election-year cycle, three more things must happen before George Bush becomes presi-

dent and Dan Quayle vice president: The Elec-toral College must vote, the votes must be count-

ed before a joint session of the newly elected

By law, the 538 electors must meet on the first

Monday after the second Wednesday in De-cember — the 19th this year — to select the

If a winning presidential candidate were to die before Dec. 19, the electors, meeting in their state

capitals and governed by state law, would be free

to select anyone they wanted for the White House, according to Walter Dellinger, a Duke University law professor. Some states, like North Carolina, have laws making it a criminal offense

to vote for someone other than the person who

The electors, who are party functionaries, would

be expected to follow the recommendations of

their parties' national committees on what to do.

but their nominee for a successor would not have

to be the vice presidential candidate, Mr. Dellinger said, since state laws do not force them to vote for

If a vice presidential candidate were to die before such a vote, the top of the ticket presum-

ably would be given informal power to nominate

a replacement. But there is no formal authority.

"We are really in a sort of black hole," Mr. Ilinger said, "in which there is no custom or

If a president-elect dies after the Electoral

College vote but before Congress ratifies the tally, then the presidential candidate of the

Congress, and both men must be sworn in.

that successor would be chosen.

president and the vice president.

won in the state. Others do not.

the number two person on a ticket.

law and no precedent or practice."

tion is a time of great constitutional uncer-

By George F. Will

that politicians never believe what portents are inferred from small octhey say, so they are constantly surprised when others believe them. Another cause of commotion in

the markets illustrates the ticklish nature of the Transition nowadays. (A Transition is a grand episode, deserving a capital T, like the Reformation and the Renaissance.) Martin Feldstein, the economist, is correctly considered close to Mr. Bush was incorrectly suspected of speaking Mr. Bush's thoughts when he said in a speech that the dollar should decline still more. Many people holding dollar-denominated assets promptly decided they would rather hold hot coals. That decision

made matters worse for the dollar. The fact that the world is vibrating like a tuning fork to the actions and nonactions of the president-elect suggests that the Transition, or at any rate this one, is too long.
This is the first time in 132 years

that the president-elect is a fellow who has been living near the center of things as vice president. Back in Martin Van Buren's day that mattered little because government matpercolated slowly out to an inattentive populace. Nowadays, when large er, to wind down by enjoying the watery satisfaction of writing memo-

currences associated with the president-in-waiting, it would be well if there were less waiting.

Because Mr. Bush is already gov-

erning, he should have real responsibility. Because he knows the govern-ment and the personnel of his party so well, and because his central campaign promise was continuity with the previous administration, he is more ready than most presidentselect are to settle in. It says much about the quickened

pace of modern life, and about government's role in the acceleration, that until Franklin Roosevelt's second term, presidents were not inau-gurated unfil March. Perhaps 10 weeks is about as compressed as a Transition can be.

Whoever defined an elephant as a mouse built to government specifica-tions understands the tendency toward elephantiasis in the transformation of Transitions into bureaucracies. A Transition is an apparatus for allowing some of the winner's political infantry, whose adrenaline has not yet ebbed and who are not tered much less, and news about it going to be rewarded with real pow-

people who will have power. A Transition also is a process of rounding up people willing to up-root themselves and plunge into the Washington real estate market for the privilege of being underpaid in the service of their country. Such service consists often of being badgered by congressional subcommit-tees, which means by congressional

A Shifting

Of Patterns

In the Sand

By Flora Lewis

C AIRO — Practically every factor in the Middle East conflict has changed recently. It adds up to a substantial shift in the pattern of pressures and forces. Allough there is still no breakthrough in sight, the whole

return to active diplomacy. It is a tri-

umph for Cairo, after the years of Arab

quarantine following the Camp David treaty; an argument for negotiation, not

war. The return is being pursued quietly, without extravagant fanfare. That

High Egyptian officials speak of an

emerging Arab coalition with Jordan, Egypt and the Palestine Liberation

Organization as central players in the endless minuet, also involving Iraq and the Gulf states and to a lesser

degree most of the western Arabs. There may be some wishful thinking.

but there is much to support the claim.

Even Syria, increasingly isolated and visibly the loser in its ambition to lead the Arab world, is making minor resource.

gestures to ease antagonism with Egypt, if not yet to warm relations.

in the big picture, the most impor-

tant change is probably Soviet policy.

Moscow still wants to be a part of

any settlement and to have an interna-

tionally legitimized Middle East pres-

ence. But the Soviets now seem inter-

ested in a solution rather than in

maintaining an epicenter of crisis.

There is no reliable information on

what they are urging on the Syrians these days. However, Egyptian authorities have been told that Mikhail Gorbachev delivered a stern lecture

the last time Yasser Arafat visited

Moscow with a large PLO delegation.
One of the Palestinians offered the routine rhetoric about fighting the imperialists and their lackeys, the Zi-

onists." The Soviet leader derided

such old-fashioned talk, stressing the need to address the new challenges

confronting the world and to find po-litical ways out of the old quarrels.

The Palestiman porising in the oc-

cupied West Bank and Gaza has had a subtle but important impact on Arab as well as PLO calculations.

It was a desperate decision by

young Palestinians to take their cause in their own hands, after the Arab states made the Iraq-Iran war their top

King Hussein of Jordan then pro-

claimed last summer that his country

renounced responsibility for the terri-tories, forcing the PLO to come to a definition of its position.

Iran and Iraq made a cease-fire in their eight-year war last July, even if

they are still a good way from peace. That, too, underlined the futility of looking to the battlefield for justifica-

tion, despite dreams of glory.
It added to Syria's loss of influence

The Gulf states can off subsidies to

Syria and the Saudis reduced payments

and irac is bui

A new confrontation between Syris

vengeance for what it considers traitor-

ous Syrian support of Iran. But Egyp-

tian authorities say they are convinced

that Iraq will not slide back into its role

as super-rejectionist enemy of Israel. It has too big a job of reconstruction.

The Egyptians say Saddam Hussein to I raq told them he had concluded that "all this terrorism business is counterproductive." That may or may not be a

new conviction, but at least the Egyp-

tians could and did argue that a lot

more is to be gained by peace than by war. They cite their experience as proof. Meanwhile, Lebanon has collapsed

in miserable chaos. It is an example to

everybody about the wages of commu-

nal strife, exacerbated by calling in out-siders, and another failure for Syria.

All these pressures brought Mr. Arafat to a carefully calculated move,

after long consultations with practical-

ly everybody and a crucial meeting with King Hussein, arranged by Pres-

A key innovation at the recent meeting of the Palestine National Council was that decisions were taken

by majority rule, ending Mr. Arafar's

a pretext for standing still. Extremist

veto power was removed.

No official translation of the PLO's

resolution proclaiming a Palestinian national state, implicitly recognizing

refuge behind a need for consensus as

dent Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

priority at a summit meeting.

What demands attention is Egypt's

complex has to be reassessed.

makes it the more effective.

patience to perfect the world. A president-elect has approxi-mately 5,300 jobs to dispease. By inauguration day in 1981, only about one-fifth of President Reagan's people were firmly in place. That was partly because about 700 must be confirmed by the Senate. Today the lives of the 700 must be combed by congressional staffers in search of deviationism.

staffs composed of young people whose knowledge of the world is

inversely proportional to their im-

The hurdle that nominees must clear gets higher and higher as we become more fastidious about siz. This time senators must ask: Did you ever smoke anything nasty in the college dormitory? Have you circulated samizdat copies of the writings of Robert Bork? Can't be too careful.

so the world will have to wait. Washington Post Writers Group.

Inauguration DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO KEEP GEORGE BUSH ALIVE FOR THE NEXT 4

losing party might become president, said Mr.

Dellinger, a Democratic adviser. The 12th Amendment to the Constitution specifies that when Congress counts the votes, "the person having the greatest number of votes for president shall be president," if that person has a majority of the 538 votes. If not, the House of Representatives "shall choose immediately, by ballot, the president," with each state delegation having one vote. Under the amendment, Mr. Dellinger said, the House would be forced to vote for the opposite party's candidate - this year, Michael Dukakis — assuming he was the only other vote-getter at the Electoral College, If one elector had voted for a third person, the choice

would be between the surviving presidential can-didate in the general election and that person. Mr. Dellinger said it could be argued that the dent-elect when the electors vote, but he said he thought the candidate would not officially become president-elect until after Congress certi-

If the candidate's running mate died, the in-coming president likely would be given informal power to select a successor, but he "can only recommend," Mr. Dellinger said.

A Republican adviser, Bruce Fein, said that

he, too, thought that the general election winner would not be president-elect until Congress certified the electors' vote. Under the 20th Amendment, after certification the running mate would

succeed his party's standard bearer.
In the event of a presidential candidate's death, Mr. Fein said that there might "be room for Congress to nudge" the House speaker into the presidency and then call a "speedy election."
"Maybe Congress could by law stipulate a steward," such as the outgoing president, "to act until there was a new election," Mr. Fein said. He said there have been efforts to set down rules in quiet times, when no election was pend ing, but "every time that has been attempted,

nothing ever happened." "It is an utter mess," he added.

The Washington Post.

A Principled KGB Defector Has Changed History

WASHINGTON — Spies should count for less in this era of satellite photography and electronic ears. But consider the story of Oleg Gordievsky, a KGB defector who has changed history not by stealing secrets for his Western controllers but by sharing insights with them. He shows that the human factor still is decisive

in the black art of espionage.

Mr. Gordievsky was the KGB's station chief in London until he defected in 1985. Since then, his secret briefings and writings on the psychology and politics of the Kremlin have strongly influenced Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan and other Western leaders. When I asked Mrs. Thatcher in Washington last week if this was the case, she paused, smiled enigmatically and replied: "You know you ought not ask that question. I cannot answer it. But

it has been very interesting."

American officials say that, in conversations with Mr. Reagan, Mrs.
Thatcher has offered effusive praise for Mr. Gordievsky, who defected to Britain in 1985. And a book just published in London asserts confidently that the president's shift away from "Evil Empire" slogancering toward cooperating with Moscow was directly influenced by Mr. Gordievsky's analysis of the Kremlin and of Soviet psy-

WASHINGTON — In what is be-coming a familiar pattern, an announcement from the Kremlin has

confounded some received wisdom in the West about the Soviet economy.

tained that the Soviet Union balances

its budgets in peacetime. But Moscow's

finance minister reported recently that the national budget is deeply in deficit

One by one, Western premises about the Soviet economy are being

challenged by glasnost's revelations. Piece by piece, these revelations seem

to be confirming an alternative but still controversial view of a Soviet

economy that is smaller, more milita-

rized and more seriously troubled than

most Western experts imagined. This could explain Mikhail Gorba-

chev's dramatic reform proposals as a

purely tactical response to desperate

circumstances. It also would suggest

that Western trade with and aid to

the Soviet Union play a much greater

role in bolstering the power of the Soviet state than the United States

Conventional Western analyses of

the Soviet economy depict an enor-mously wasteful planning system de-

and Europe seem to realize.

and has been for years.

Western specialists have long main-

By Jim Hoagland

fied the electoral vote.

"Gordievsky was one of several people whose thinking was important in giving the president a sense that the Soviets are fearful as well as aggressive, and that both aspects of the Soviet personality should be taken into account," a U.S. official recalls.

The book about Mr. Gordievsky and other Soviet defectors, "The Storm Birds," by Gordon Brook-Shepherd, should be required reading for officials dealing with East-West relations at any level. It treats in detail Mr. Gordievsky's account (originally disclosed in a 1986 Washington Post story by Murrey Marder) of how the Kremlin leaders con-vinced themselves in the tense autumn of 1983 that Mr. Reagan was preparing to launch a nuclear strike against the Soviet Union.

According to Mr. Gordievsky, the Kremlin on the weekend of Nov. 8-9, 1983, misread Western military maneuvers in Europe and sounded a worldwide alert to the KGB to gather information on an imminent nuclear anack. Under procedures then in effect, the Kremlin believed that a Western decision for a nuclear first

Soviet Economy: Worse Shape Than Supposed

clining rates of growth and living stan-dards decades behind the West's. The

alternative view holds that even these

unfavorable assessments are too opti-

mistic. For years, proponents of this

alternative view, many of them Soviet

migrés, have been pointely ignored.
Since Mr. Gorbachev's rise to power,
things have changed. Their story, by
and large, seems to be checking out.

Economic might: CIA estimates

suppest that Soviet national output is a

little more than half as large as Ameri-

ca's, with per capita output a little less

than half the American level. Last

year, however, an economist at the

Soviet State Planning Committee

(Gosplan) published a Western-style

reckoning of GNP in rubles. Even at the ruble's artificially high official ex-

change rate, these numbers would

make the Soviet economy barely a third the size of America's and sout

Soviet per capita output at just over a quarter the American level.

Growth rates: The CIA estimates

that the economy has grown by 2

percent a year since the mid-1970s. But earlier calculations, Soviet com-

By Nicholas Eberstadt mentators now say, did not make

chology — an assertion partially confirmed by Washington sources. strike would be taken seven to ten days before it was launched. days before it was launched.

Mr. Brook-Shepherd suggests that

the Soviet defector's descriptions of this dramatic incident and his warnings that the leadership "was all too inclined to believe its own propaganda about 'aggressive imperialist circles' " and to go to the brink of war over a misperception caused important changes in Western military maneuver

tactics and nuclear alert procedures. Moreover, a 50-page political and pyschological analysis by Mr. Gor-dievsky entitled "Soviet Perceptions of Nuclear Warfare" is said by the British author to have been read and absorbed by Mr. Reagan during the criti-cal time when Mikhail Gorbachev was coming to power and putting the Sovi-

et Union on a new path.

As station chief, Mr. Gordievsky played a key role in Mr. Gorbachev's weeklong visit to London in Decem-ber 1984. There seems to have been no suspicion in Moscow then that the KGB man was disillusioned with the Soviet system and had become a double agent for the British a decade earlier. He did fall under suspicion a year later, and had to be extracted from the

adequate adjustments for inflation.

Last year, in a now famous article.

two Soviet economists suggested that per capita output was slightly lower in the mid-1980s than a decade be-

Foreign trade and the national bud-

masking them in its official figures.

and loans from the West played a far

more important role in the economy

than most observers seemed to under-

ing, in effect, that trade with the West

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Enterprise Institute. He contributed

this comment to The New York Times.

directly empowers the Soviet state.

painted an even bleaker figure.

The information that the Walkers, Edward L. Howard, Ronald Pelton and others peddled to the Soviets has already gone stale, or will do so quick-

and principled man like Mr. Gordievsky, primarily on ideological grounds, is yet another telling measure of the total failure of the Soviet system, just as much as Mr. Gorbachev's candid admissions about the stagnakeep the best from its own ranks. The Washington Post.

The profile of Mr. Gordievsky that emerges from Mr. Brook-Shepherd's account, and from my discussions with Western officials who have debriefed the former Soviet agent, is one of a man with great integrity whose contribution to stabilizing East-West relations in a particularly dangerous period may be mestimable.

The most interesting aspect of his defection for me is the stark contrast that he offers to the collection of druggies, money-grubbing sharks, drunks and others who have gone the other way in recent years, selling American secrets to the Soviets.

ly. However significant the immediate damage to spy networks or battle plans, those spies have done nothing to shake the American system. The damage has in that sense been glanc-ing. But the defection of an intelligent tion and corruption of the Soviet establishment. It is a system that can buy and lure the worst people that American society produces, but not

Israel and renouncing terrorism has been distributed. That text is important because it will show just how precise are the commitments and whether language fudging games have been used again. But the resolution does suggest a basis for direct negotia-tion if Israel can emerge from political paralysis and agree to try. Don't hold your breath and don't

expect sudden drama. But, with so much motion, there may be a little movement coming. The New York Times.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Crisis in Bucharest

fore. Since then, senior officials have VIENNA -- Roumania is once more in the midst of a political crisis. Mr. Lascar Catargi, who was yesterday elected President of the Lower ger: Almost a decade ago, Igor Bir-man, an émigré economist, wrote that House, was formerly chief of a con-servative cabinet and is personally on the Soviet Union was running large and commuous budget deficits but very cold terms with the king. Unless there should be a new split, General Mano will become Minister for War That contention was officially con-firmed last week. But there was more and Mr. Lahovary, Minister of Comto his argument. He held that imports merce. The former has always opposed the raising of the Roumanian fortifications now in course of construction and the latter has declared stand. Moreover, he argued, the Soviet that no Roumanian soldier will ever financial system permits Moscow to plug a huge hole in its budget with hard currency transactions — meanfire upon a Russian.

1913: Wilson Satisfied

WASHINGTON - A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "I learned today [Nov. 23] from a Cabi-

Mexico of the last few days leave the President with absolute faith in his policy, and he believes it will obtain in a reasonably short time the elimination of Senor Huerta."

1938: A Cultural Axis

ROME - A vast scheme for coordinating Fascist and Nazi intellectual and artistic activities in what is called a "cultural Rome-Berlin axis" was adopted with the signature of an Italo-German cultural agreement. Its declared aim is to "create the necessary basis for a real mutual understanding between the two peoples." The instruments to this end will be the schools and universities in both countries, literature, music, the the-atre, motion pictures and radio, under the coordinating influence of a standing committee for application of the accord. On the academic side, net officer that President Wilson is satisfied with the progress of his waiting policy in Mexico. This official said that the developments in institutes and chairs for the study of the language, art and history of the two countries are to be founded and

Kennedy: A Debt of Honor To Blacks Was Repaid

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

ASHINGTON — The day Presi-dent Kennedy was shot remains when he belatedly overrode Orval Fauvivid for particular reasons. A few of us bus at Little Rock — had invoked its were standing outside the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina

When the worst was confirmed, Bill Cocke — Thomas Wolfe's boyhood friend from Asheville, who appears as Johnny Park in "Of Time and the River" -burst into tears. "There goes the hope of the world!" he said.

Bill Cocke's despairing cry remains vividly etched on my memory. It was not the end of hope. But it was the end of something — a certain national inno-cence. There was a placidity about the pre-1963 years that did not survive Victnam and its terrible angers, or the riots, or the other assassinations, or the deceits of Watergate —all the disappointments and distractions of a troubled quarter century.

Just what Lee Harvey Oswald's mad act did to end that era of innocence, it is historically meaningless to ask. Counterfactual history is uninteresting — and, for that matter, national innocence is for most purposes a dangerous trait. John Kennedy, who had known war and close brushes with death, was no innocent, and was refreshingly free of the pretense that he was. He was a warm, witty, very hu-man president, who by trial and error was learning wisdom as well.

We were standing as it happened, a short block from the place where a handful of black college students had begun the first dime store sit-ins three years earlier. And there was a symmetry in that. Mr. Kennedy can claim one indisputable distinction, now too easily overlooked or minimized. He was the first president to thrust the moral authority of his office behind the push for racial equality. Others — Harry Truman when he desegregated the armed forces

He Had His Chance

JOHN Kennedy kept the Cold War going and exaggerated the Commu-nist threat to the Third World. He failed to appreciate the local sources that would and did deter Communist inroads. The Kennedy team also pre-sumed that Americans had answers for others' deep-seated problems. Despite the rhetoric of bold, new thinking, Mr. Kennedy never reassessed basic U.S. foreign policy assumptions. Arrogance, ignorance and impatience joined exaggerations of the Communist threat to deny President Kennedy his objectives.
"He never had the chance," Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. has written. Actually, he had the chance, and he failed.

- Thomas G. Paterson commenting in The Hartford Courant.

legal authority. Mr. Kennedy did more. It was not so much, I believe, because incr. As we stood there talking, someone rushed by pale and breathless. "Kennedy has been shot," he said teresty he planned it that way. We forget how

It was a year after the uproar over James Meredith's enrollment at Ole

And stylishly. Having mobilized the Alabama National Guard to turn Mr. Wallace aside, Mr. Kennedy gave one of the best speeches ever heard from the White House. It struck just the right notes

His aide Ted Sorensen may have written the words, but Mr. Kennedy spoke them, articulating a moral imperative now grown a bit stale with (amiliarity and

the last Democratic presidential nominee from outside the South to carry a significant number of Southern states. Kennedy the politician may have wondered that day if he was putting his re-election at risk, and it was not inappropriate to think of such things. No president has ever served the nation well in the long run by ignoring the sources of his political capital, although he must

exercise in tawdry nostalgia.

In a famous, some thought decisive maneuver in the 1960 campaign, Mr. Kennedy telephoned Atlanta to inquire about the jailing of Martin Luther King Jr. Some called it a cynical bid for black votes in a close election; maybe it was. But Mr. Kennedy came to see that this casual gesture had incurred an implicit debt of honor, involving his presidency in a drama larger than politics. He redeemed that pledge. And the way he did it left the nation different and better. It makes the waste of that earlier Nov. 22 a little easier to take 25 years later. Washington Post Writers Group.

film made at the time about the integration of the University of Alabama. That was in June 1963, a few months before his death. George Wallace in his inaugural speech as governor had drawn his famous "line in the dust" and vowed to block the schoolhouse door. The courts had said he must yield. But court orders are not self-executing, and it fell to Mr. Kennedy to vindicate the law.

Miss, and Mr. Kennedy was eager to avoid a replay of the violence. In the film footage you detect a warmess in the president's eyes as he struggles to define and perform a constitutional duty which the politician in him would have preferred to avoid. But the point is, he did it.

of conciliation, principle and historical perspective. It was, he said, essentially a matter of conscience, and he was right.

acceptance. It was not so then.

The act, lest we forget, was that of a very practical Irish-American politician,

know when to place it at risk.

Anyway, it is memories of this sort that have made Nov. 22 more than an



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It was not the responsibility of Gover-

nor Dukakis to respond to every spurious attack that the Bush staff chose to

make. The role of the media is to sepa-

from the important questions of the day and encourage the candidates to discuss

MICHAEL BRETT.

rate factual distortions and non-iss

Supply and Demand

Korean Resentment Is Real

Regarding "The Other South Korea" (Sports, Nov. 21) by George Vecsey:

I have been doing business in South

Korea for the past decade, and I have

many good friends there. The world has

finally recognized South Koreans for

the tremendous industrialists and good

businessmen they are.
I appreciate Mr. Vecsey's reflections,

garnered from his trip to the Seoul Olympics, but I can assure him that

South Korean-American relations have

in fact degenerated. South Korean pro-

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"carved ivory pins."

An Accusation: The American Media Didn't Do Their Job

So George Bush will be the next president of the United States. I lay the

plame for that on the media. The Bush staff time and again showed itself capable of manipulating the media. How else could the impression of Michael Dukakis have been transformed from that of a pragmatic moderate to that of a card carrying liberal who defends child pornography. furloughs rapists and burns flags?

And how did the theme of the second

presidential debate become likability. when everybody agreed that Governor Dukakis was not a man given to spontaneous expression of emotion? Could this change of "issue" have anything to do with the fact that polls after the first debate showed Governor Dukakis scoring considerably higher than George Bush on his command of the facts, his directness when answering questions, his debating ability and his presence of mind — while Mr. Bush scored higher

on likability and "presidentialness"?

It could easily be argued that many of the media perceptions flourished be-cause the Dukakis campaign was too cautious in its treatment of Mr. Bush. But Mr. Dukakis won the Democratic nomination by being cautious and fair to his opponents, so this hardly lets the media off the hook.

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tests do exist. Many young South Kore-ans resent Americans, and they show it on the streets of Seoul with a regularity not evidenced 10 years ago.

Mr. Vecsey says that "to a print jour-nalist, it is more than a little scary to see how one visual impression can blot out all the information available in print. Turning that around, to a reader of print journalism, it is more than a little scary the real problems. By acting as stenogra-phers for the Bush campaign, the Ameri-can media were big players in a cynical deception of the American public. to see how one visual impression, based on Mr. Vecsey's three-week trip, can blot out the documented facts of the situation in South Korea.

MACK A. McGUIRE.

Drink Their Way Sober?

I found it sadly ironic to read about Regarding the report "U.S. Experts Dubious on Soviet Deficit" (Oct. 31): the poaching of 150 elephants per week for their tusks ("In Kenya, a Poaching Frenzy," Nov. 4), while on the facing page was a glowing fashion report of a Ralph Lauren collection featuring I have never heard anything so ridicu-lous as the proposal for the Soviets to drink themselves out of their deficit. "It will be difficult for the Soviets to reduce the deficit ... but they can do so if they KAREN BIGGS. increase the sale of alcohol," an Ameri-

can expert says. The growing budget deficit is blamed on Mikhail Gorbachev's campaign against alcohol abuse.
"The decline in liquor-tax receipts has been a major factor contributing to the increase in the deficit."

The Soviets should be applauded for such an accomplishment. Surely their social aid programs have saved money because of a decrease in problems related to alcohol abuse. It should take only a small percentage reduction in arms spending to cover the cost of the tax revenues lost through reduced alcohol sales.

GREGORY J. ROSE. Villefranche-sur-Mer, France.

Hong Kong: The Old Days Aren't What They Could Be

By Patrick L. Smith

Hong Kong, belonged, I believe, to a Captain Chan. In accented but entirely dignified English, he spoke of altitude, weather, the pleasant journey ahead.

A few minutes later the first officer

MEANWHILE

came on, "speaking for your captain" in the scrubbed tones of an evening news reader just about anywhere in the Commonwealth. Now that, I thought, is a neat piece of corporate choreography.
It was only a year ago, after all, that
Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong's unofficial flag carrier, began to train Cantonese

pilots. Here it was offering thoughtful reassurance for the skittish without condoning the need for it. Such delicate moments are increas-

ingly common as Britain prepares to leave this "boil on China's burn," as the colony is affectionately known. And many of them are managed just as this one was — with grace and aplomb and without the least embarrassment.

But as Hong Kong hurches toward its most delicate moment of all — the transition to Chinese rule in nine years' time - the colonial authorities are bringing little grace to things and, under the circumstances, not as much embarrass-ment as there should be.

One would have thought that the Brit-ish would be pretty good at this kind of thing, having planted red mailboxes throughout much of Southeast Asia for roughly half of the last century and half of this one. But what strikes a Hong Kong familiar after several months' ab-sence are the small tangibles — the commorplace suggestions of an incipient lapse in the way the place is managed.

Signs of the times, you might say.

Maybe a labor shortage and the exodus of trained professionals — 45,000 this year, 50,000 next, a recent survey concluded — is making it harder to keep the say that the say. the place in good nick, as they say. Lugard Road, the old rickshaw path ringing Victoria Peak, was like an abandoned garden as I took a ritualistic run past my old house recently.

At Hong Kong's largest bank (not to mention names), completing a relativesimple transaction required two clerks and 35 minutes.

Yes, the economy is full tilt, to such an extent that even the Vietnamese refugees now get to go to work. But you reach a point at which it is necessary to ask whether people and institutions are simply ceasing to care —or starting

to care less, anyway.

Middle Bay, once this correspondent's favorite beach, is now the island's most polluted, since there is nothing between it and a slew of new

HONG KONG — The voice from the cockpit on Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to American and also large, an account was unilaterally closed when it was discovered that my address had changed. Many a bounced check is no doubt being left behind.

Is the colony beginning to resemble "Amnesia," that mythical Asian nation that a Hong Kong hack invented years ago, where Prime Minister Lendusa Quid reigns? This is overstating the case, residents will exclaim. And I admit to sounding like some colonial Blimp a quarter of a century ago, always on about "stan-dards" and the coming lack thereof. But this onetime local would argue

that locals simply do not yet notice what will be apparent in a few years' time.
There was only one thing more striking than the four cockroaches strolling, of a recent evening, across the bar at the For-eign Correspondents' Club — the first I

have ever seen there. It was the insouciance with which a nightly patron placed an ashtray over the one closest to us. She didn't miss a syllable.

It is more than just the maintenance of amenities. True, that the British are

walking out on Hong Kong is, for many of its 5.6 million residents, not even worth disputing anymore. But do things - and local morale along with them have to sink at this speed?

"No one has much good to say about Hong Kong anymore," said Frank Fishbeck, a longtime local photographer, while chatting in a Hollywood Road antique shop. "It's all rudeness these days, and selfishness and complaints." It would be a delicate and in some

senses sad time under any circumstances, perhaps. But why, you wind up asking, are the authorities so careless? Once sensed, and now more readily apparent, the colonial service's willingness to do Beijing's bidding is all but official. Passing through from a Philippines holiday, Sandy Burton, Time magazine's Beijing zine's Beijing correspondent, watched in stunned silence the other day as Hong Kong customs confiscated her bag of ansi, a lime-like fruit that makes a rather special daiquiri. Not because there is a Hong Kong law against bringing in fruit, but because there is one in China.

Even though it is pretty well established that the Chinese will have their way, there are responsibilities to be met. The bushes on Lugard Road should still be trimmed, and the roach population kept down. The banks should behave themselves and Sandy Burton should keep her kalamansi at least as far as Beijing customs. The histories cannot yet be written, but these will soon enough be considered "the old days" here. There is still time to make sure they are well remembered, especially among those who choose to stay on and

the many more who must. International Herald Tribune.



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Stocks Rise in Quiet Trading

NEW YORK - Stock prices closed broadly higher Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange in quiet pre-Thanksgiving trading, as signs of improved market sentiment carried over from the previous session.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose

11.73 points Tuesday, advanced 14.58 to close at 2.092.28. Advances outpaced declines by a 9-5 margin. Volume on the Big Board totaled about 112 million shares, compared with 127 million on

Broad-market indexes also advanced. The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.86 to 151.41. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.79 to close at 269.00. The price of an average share gained 18 cents.

The market opened higher and continued to build on its gains as trading gradually slowed to a crawl ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

A.C. Moore, director of research at Argus Research Corp., said the market was showing a "reflexive rally" in the wake of being in a technically oversold condition. He predicted prices would gain strength into December as improved sentiment led investors to purchase blue chips and other selected issues at "reason-

Before the market opened, the government reported that new factory orders for durable goods rose 2.4 percent in October. The report follows a series of indicators this month that show the economy surging ahead with lower unemployment, higher retail sales, strong industrial output and a rebound in the housing

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government reports," said Ron Doran, head of institutional trading at First Albany Corp. "But I don't think the latest one will be much of an

The big factors are the dollar and interest

"The big factors are the dollar and interest rates," Mr. Doran said. "The market is hostage to short-term rates. If interest rates appear to be going up, the market will not do well."

Mr. Doran said market participants also were focusing on the Vienna meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, hoping it would decide on an oil production calling and resolve a dispute between Iran and Iraq on production countries.

In NYSE trading Wednesday, Northeast Utilities was the most active issue, up % to 20%. The stock goes ex-dividend on Friday.

AT&T Co. followed, up % to 29%. Texas Utilities was third, up % to 28%.

Among other active blue chips, General Electric was up % to 44%, Sears was up % to 40 and General Motors was up % to 82%.

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In the oil sector, Exxon was off % to 42 and Chevron was off % to 44%.

Among takeover stocks, RJR Nabisco was up 1% to 86%. A group led by First Boston Corp. asked three other dealmakers to join in their takeover proposal for RJR Nabisco, which is valued at up to \$26.8 billion. Interco was up 3 to 67% special dividend declaration.

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

U.K. Firms Begin to Cope With Problem Drinking

By SHERRY BUCHANAN

ONDON — British companies are beginning to recognize that their managers' alcohol-related problems are company problems as well. This realization stems in part from changing attitudes in British society toward drinking. The British government, for instance, is promoting a National Drinkwise Day next June 20.

In part, the realization stems from a growing awareness that alcohol-related problems cost companies in absenteeism, alcohol-related illnesses and diminished performance at work.

"British companies are beginning to treat alcohol-related problems as a health problem rather than a disciplinary problem, said Ray Hatter, coordinator of the Greater London Alcohol

Advisory Service, or GLAAS. He estimated that two-thirds of firms in the City of London do not have an alcohol policy.

On Dec. 6, GLAAS, funded by both the service of the by both taxes and charity contributions, will launch City Drinksense to advise companies on alcohol problems. GLAAS also will set up Drinkwatchers, self-help

There is a growing awareness of the economic costs of alcohol-related problems.

groups for people who don't have drinking problems but who want to cut down on alcohol consumption.

The Department of Health Economics at York University estimates that absenteeism due to alcohol costs the British economy £641 million (\$1.175 billion) a year.

British companies, although more aware than they used to be, are still doing relatively little about the problem, either because they don't want to interfere in their managers' personal lives or because they have no direct cost incentives to do so. In contrast,

many U.S. companies have seen their health insurance premiums decrease after introducing programs to help problem drinkers.

Cary Cooper, professor of organizational psychology at the University of Manchester's Institute of Technology, says, "There is a lot more pressure, a lot more cutbacks in staff, a lot more work on people's backs, so people are drinking more. But the individual company doesn't think it has to pay for it; the society, in the form of the National Health Service, has to pay," Mr. Cooper set up an in-house stress counseling program for the British Post Office two years ago.

THERE ARE A FEW organizations, including British Telecom, London Regional Transport and the British Post
Office, as well as British subsidiaries of such U.S. companies as Control Data Corp., Dupont Co. and General Electric
Co., that have introduced alcohol-related programs for their managers and employees.

"The British culture is still grossly ambivalent toward drink," said Richard Quail, alcohol education manager at London Regional Transport, who introduced a program to help employee

with drinking problems four years ago.

Although corporate policies to help problem drinkers differ widely, in most, the company organizes a counseling and referral service for treatment, gives the problem drinker time off for prolonged therapy or disintoxication and, in some cases, will help

defray the cost.

The main difficulty is convincing managers and employees that the nature of the problem will remain confidential and will not be their performance or promotion reviews.

Confidentiality becomes increasingly difficult when the treatment requires prolonged absence from work. One senior executive, who decided to tell his boss and colleagues before he checked himself into a clinic for four weeks of disintoxication, said: "It's your option whether you want it to be confidential or not. But if you don't tell anybody and take a prolonged medical leave, you have people guessing you're in a loony bin having a nervous

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British Steel Priced at 'Safe' £2.5 Billion for Privatization

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — Britain put a value of £2.5 billion (\$4.58 billion) on its profitmaking steel industry Wednesday, announcing details of the largest industrial privatization by the Conservative govern-ment of Prime Minister Margaret

Shares of British Steel will be offered at £1.25 each in two stages, with 60 pence due by Dec. 2 and a second installment of

65 pence due by Sept. 26, 1989. Some analysts said the price could realistically have been about 10 pence higher. But they said the government hoped the "safe" price would help rekindle the public's enthusiasm for privatization is-sues before water and electricity utility sales, which were outlined Tuesday at the official opening of Parliament.
The sale of British Petroleum PLC, the

oil giant, coincided with the stock market collapse in October 1987 and was widely regarded as a flop compared with previous successful operations.

The British Steel issue has been priced at 4.9 times projected earnings per share on a gross dividend yield of 8 percent. British Steel has moved from heavy losses, which cost British taxpayers substantial sums in the late 1970s, to a profit of £410 million for the 1987-88 fiscal year that ended April I.

Now one of the world's most productive and profitable steel producers, the company last month forecast a pretax profit for the current fiscal year of £550

The flotation of British Steel is being done as Mrs. Thatcher faces criticism of plans to sell off electricity and water boards in England and Wales as part of her privatization drive. Since she came to power in 1979, the government has sold more than one-third of Britain's national industries.

The opposition Labor Party attacked the value placed on British Steel. Its trade and industry spokesman, Bryan Gould, said a statement: "To put the govern-ment's privatization show back on the road, British Steel is being sold at well below its real value, with a nod and a wink that a quick buck is to be made." Other state selloffs have included the ities and the flag carrier, British Airways

The government hopes 500,000 private investors will participate in the British Steel privatization. There will be a minimum investment of 400 shares, making the minimum first installment £240.

Initially, 23 percent of the 2 billion shares being sold will go to the British public, British Steel employees and pensioners, increasing to 42 percent if the flotation is oversubscribed.

An initial 33 percent stake is being allocated to overseas investors and 44 percent to British financial institutions. There has been an excellent response to the share-offer roadshows in the U.K. and around the world," said Panl Richards, a director at Samuel Montagu &

sale. "The offer has been fully underwritten and we are confident of a successful sale," he added, Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young said the offer gave investors a chance to invest in "a great British com-pany" and one of the leading industrial

success stories of recent years.

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The chairman of British Steel, Sir Robert Scholey, said the company is "confident and completely determined that we shall not waste the sacrificial efforts made in the recent past."

The steelmaker slashed its workforce by 150,000, to 52,000, over the last 10 years as part of cost-cutting measures. Further cuts have not been ruled out.

Although it has been transformed into a profitable enterprise, the company faces stiff competition from newly industrialized nations and is subject to European Community restrictions aimed at reducing overcapacity in a dwindling

The British government has said British Steel would get special protection from foreign takeover bids for five years after privatization. (Reutes, AP, AFP)

Rodamco **Bids for** U.K. Firm

Hammerson Gets £1.3 Billion Offer

By Ronald van de Krol Special to the Herald Tribune

AMSTERDAM — Rodatuco,

the biggest listed property company in the Netherlands, on Wednesday launched a hostile £1.3 billion (\$2.38 billion) cash offer for Hammerson Property, marking the largest-ever attempted takeover of a British property company.

Hammerson, the third-largest

property group in Britain, swiftly rejected the bid, describing it as unwelcome, derisory and wholly unacceptable." It urged its share-

holders to take no action.

Rodamco, part of the Rotter-dam-based Robeco investment group, is offering 818 pence for every Hammerson ordinary share and 780 pence for each of its 'A' shares. It said its formal offer docu-ment, to be published later, would also include details of a loan note

In reaction to the news, Hammerson's shares soared to well above the bid levels on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday, in-dicating that Rodamco will proba-bly be forced to sweeten its offer. analysts said. Hammerson's ordinary shares

closed at 895 pence, up sharply from 739 pence on Tuesday, while its 'A' shares climbed to 854 pence from 675 pence. Rodamco's shares ended the day up only 0.10 guilders at 153.40 guilders (\$78.70). The bid, the largest ever launched by Rodamco and its third

international acquisition attempt in as many years, comes only two months after the second-largest Dutch property company, Wereld-have NV, succeeded in taking over Peachey Property Corp. of Britain after a hostile battle. In a statement, Cornelis van Rijn, chairman of Rodamco, said:

"In recent years, Hammerson's performance has fallen short of its full potential. Our offer provides merson shareholders with an See PROPERTY, Page 13

Northrop: Plainly, Growth by Stealth **B-2 Bomber Project Brings Expansion and Problems**

By Richard Stevenson

New York Times Service
LOS ANGELES — The new B-2 Stealth bomber might be difficult for enemy radar to detect, but its effect on Northrop Corp.

has been impossible to miss. Largely because of Northrop's role as prime contractor on the B-2 program, the company's revenue has nearly quadrupled to \$6 billion since 1980.

Northrop has invested \$2 bil-lion to build some of the most extensive and modern aircraft design and production plants in the world. Employment has jumped from 30,000 to 47,000. "Our whole corporate capability has been lifted to a new level," said Thomas V. Jones, the

chairman of Northrop. The U.S. Air Force wants to build 132 of the B-2s; the first one has just come off the production line and was displayed pubticly for the first time Tuesday. But rapid growth at Northrop

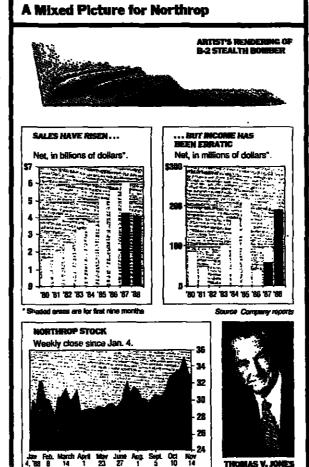
has not come without problems. The company is still dogged by questions about its management of the program and by accusa-tions in a civil lawsuit that it overcharged the government. Northrop denies this. The project also holds the pos-

sibility of a rich reward. Once the smallest of the major military contractors, best known for building relatively unsophisticated fighter planes, Northrop has established itself as the leader in the increasingly important field of radar-evading technology and is poised to join the ranks of the largest weapons makers.
The company won the Stealth

bomber contract in a secret competition against Lockheed Corp. ing the Carter administration.
If congressional budget decisions go the way Northrop and the Air Force hope, the B-2 pro-

gram at its peak in the mid-1990s could generate nearly \$10 billion a year in revenue for Northrop. The program, at an estimated total cost of \$68 billion, would be the most expensive weapons sys-Northrop is also aggressively using its new technical expertise

and plants for other projects. If a team led by Northrop



giants like McDonnell Douglas Corp. and General Dynamics Corp. as the premier builder of military aircraft in the United

The Stealth bomber will be one of two radar-evading aircraft in the U.S. arsenal. The Air Force recently confirmed that Lockheed has built a Stealth lighter, the F-117A.

However, Northrop's payoff from its immense B-2 effort is by no means assured. With pressure growing on Congress and Presi-

should win the current competi- dent-elect George Bush to make tion to build the Air Force's next generation of fighter planes, the company could replace industry

more progress on reducing the federal budget deficit, the amount allocated for major weapons programs could be cut. The B-2 has always had critics

in the scientific community; they question whether the plane can elude Soviet defenses and whether it is worth the cost. "You are not going to embark

on a \$60 billion program without some debate about it," said Joseph F. Campbell, an analyst at Paine Webber. "Part of the symbolism of the rollout is that the debate will now begin."
Northrop must also prove that

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Lawson Warns Employers on Wage Increases

LONDON - Voicing concern about rising inflationary pressure. Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson told British employers on Wednesday they had to curb pay rises if they wanted to see lower domestic interest rates.

"I am not prepared to accommodate inflationary pressures generated by high pay increases," he told the employers' organization, the Confederation of British Industry.

"Inflationary pressures arising from pay awards have to be neutralized in the only possible way, through higher interest rates," he said. "So the most effective way to lower interest rates is lower pay

Latest official figures show average earnings have risen in Britain by 9.25 percent in the past year, running ahead of the 6.4 percent annual increase in the inflation

Mr. Lawson's comments came on a day when the government reported that the British economy continues to boom. The government said that real gross domestic product, measured by the output of goods and services, rose 1.4 percent in the third quarter from the previous three months, and was up 5 percent from the same period a

year ago. The Central Statistics Office said its output-based index of GDP rose to a seasonally adjusted 114.3 in the third quarter, from 112.8 in the second quarter and 108.9 in the third quarter of 1987. The index uses a 1985 base of 100.

Third-quarter growth was particularly high in the distribution sector, up 2.5 percent, compared with 1.49 percent for the entire services

Industrial production grew 1 percent over the second quarter, despite a 4.5 percent drop in energy output because of the Piper Alpha disaster in the North Sea in July. Analysis noted that the annual growth rate of 5 percent is appreciably higher than the chancellor's own predictions. In March, he fore-

Factory Orders In U.S. Show Strong Gain

WASHINGTON — Big gains in transportation and defense equipment pushed or-ders for U.S. durable goods up 2.4 percent in October, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. New orders for the big-tick-et goods totaled \$122.1 billion

in October, up 2.4 percent.

Transportation equipment orders continued to seesaw, as they have for most of this year, rising 8.9 percent in October after a 9.1 percent fall in Sep-

Orders for defense goods soared 41.1 percent in October, the biggest jump since a 68.3 percent increase in June. Taking out the defensegoods buige, "the report certainly isn't overly strong," said Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist for the WEFA Group in Bala Cynwyd, Penn-

cast that the economy would grow by just 3 percent in 1988. In his budget statement earlier this month, he revised the forecast to 4.5 percent.

Mr. Lawson said his policy of raising interest rates in order to slow economic growth and choke off inflation, was starting to show signs of success.

We have already seen the first signs of a slowdown in economic activity, but the trend is not yet he said.

Mr. Lawson raised interest rates in stages from 7.5 percent in June to 12 percent currently. The last increase took place in late August.

(AP, AFP, Reuters)

Générale to Make Capital Injection

Two Belgian Subsidiaries to Receive 12.4 Billion Francs 1.8 billion francs, while revenue served only to write off the finan-Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS — Société Générale de Belgique, at the center of a controversial takeover battle this year. on Wednesday carried out its first moves to restructure the troubled subsidiaries that have dragged

down the group's profitability. Societé Générale said it would inject 5.1 billion francs (\$140 million) into Fabrique Nationale Herstal SA, an armaments subsidiary. in order to wipe out three years of losses and expand the company's

One billion francs will be raised through new shares offered to minority shareholders of the armaments maker, and part of the remainder would come from bank loans and government aid, said Al-bert Diehl, a Fabrique Nationale managing director, at a press con-

The concern hopes to return to profitability in 1989, Mr. Diehl said, but added that there would be 'some reduction in the workforce.' Union representatives said they expected 900 jobs to be targeted, out of a total payroll of 7,000.

Fabrique Nationale, in which Socièté Générale has a 50.11 percent controlling stake, recorded a said earlier this month. loss in 1986, as the world arms sales

plunged by 20 percent to 14.9 bil-cial costs of industrial restructuring lion francs.

In a parallel move Wednesday Société Générale said it would inject 7.3 billion francs into Gechem SA, its chemicals subsidiary. Gechem also announced a three-year plan to shed 10 percent of its 10,000 As with the Fabrique Nationale capital injection, one billion francs

of the new capital Gechem receives will be raised from minority share-The plan, company officials said at a news conference, should allow the 1987 sales of 39.1 billion francs to rise to 45 billion by 1991 and yield "normal profitability."

The decision to restructure the two concerns, which were considered the biggest problems in the sprawling Société Générale empire, was made Tuesday at a meeting of the group's 27-member board. Both concerns have sought to cut costs and excess capacity over the

past two years, but the financial burden of this has been such that they would have run out of cash by the end of the year "unless further action is taken," Société Générale

But the analysts noted that most ell. of the money now being spent on In 1987, it recorded net losses of Fabrique Nationale and Geehem



plans, rather than providing the concerns with cash for new invest-

"I hope the moves will not just put off their ultimate failure," said one analyst with a leading Belgian

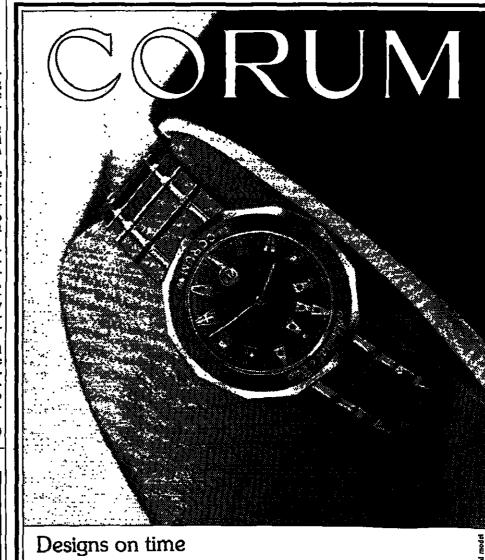
Other analysts felt that the huge sums spent on the two "lame ducks" with no guarantee of returns were unlikely to be popular with investors expected to pick up Societé Générale shares in the not too distant future.

The capital injections are the latest effort by the "new look" management of Societé Générale to re vamp the sprawling conglomerate, which has interests in 1,300 concerns worldwide. The efforts follow a bitter international battle for control of Société Générale this sum-

The victorious French financial group Compagnie Financiere de Suez now holds a majority in Société Générale, but Italian entrepre neur Carlo De Benedetti, who launched the initial bid last January, has also joined the board.

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In a 'Strategic' Move | Corb | New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Wesray Capital Corp., the investment group founded by William E. Simon, the former U.S. Treasury Secretary, has purchased 50 percent of Ally & Gargano, the 26-year-old advertising agency.

Wesray will jointly own the agency, whose creative mantle has been frayed by the loss of several major clients, with the Marketing Corp. of America. Marketing Corp. acquired the agency in 1986, two and a half years after it went public.

The Wesray purchase amounts to a "signifi-

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Sheraton Will Develop

20 Hotels in Indonesia

Agence France-Presse JAKARTA — Sheraton Corp., the U.S. hotel chain based in Boston, is planning to develop 20 five-star and three-star hotels across Indonesia

in the next decade, its Indonesian partner an-

nounced Wednesday.

The company has already identified four projects representing a total investment of \$60 million, on which construction is due to start

million, on which construction is one to start before the end of the year, Indo-Pacific Sheraton Ltd. said in a press statement.

A luxurious five-star, 300-room hotel would be built in the holiday resort of Nusa Dua in Bali, while the other three would be set up in Bandung and Semarang in Java, and Lampung

Indo-Pacific, a joint venture with Indonesian

not been selected, the statement said.

in southern Sumatra.

The Wesray purchase amounts to a "signifi-cant investment on our part," said John How-ard, a Wesray senior vice president. "But as deals go that we make, it is a small one," he said.

Wesray is active in generating leveraged buyouts of both industrial and consumer products companies. It has spent two years looking at advertising agencies for one with an unusual approach and "an upside potential," Mr. Howard said. He added: "We looked at agencies both large and small, including one three times A & G's size. But we like Ally & Gargano for its iconcolarm its eccentric way of life and the fact conoclasm, its eccentric way of life and the fact

ing Age named Ally & Gargano as "agency of the year."

In the new joint venture, Management Corp In the new joint venture, Management Corp. and Wesray will create a management equity fund to be awarded to agency employees "making significant contributions" to the company's growth. Mr. Howard said this would be set up by a dilution of the new agency's private common shares and that this would represent a "significant" portion of those shares. "The fund will offer an opportunity for employees to own a piece of the agency and for us to motivate current employees and attract new ones with talent." Mr. Luceno said.

Wesray was founded in 1981 by Mr. Simon and Mr. Chambers and was soon involved in some of the largest leveraged buyouts of the early and mid-1980's. Among them was the purchase and eventual public sale of Gibson Greeting Cards, a deal that gave Mr. Simon a \$70 million profit; the Procter-Silex Company;

With Wesray's widespread involvement in many companies, one would expect Ally & Gargano to drift into some happy, captive client relationships. Not so, Mr. Howard said.
"A & G will not get an automatic call from the businesses we run but no do home a lot of

Some feel that Ally & Gargano's problems Some feel that Ally & Gargano's problems have opened an opportunity for Wesray. "Advertising agencies never need a financial partner unless they need money," said Alan J. Gottesman, advertising analyst for Paine Webber. "If things are good, they don't need money or a financial partner. But this should help Ally & Gargano, which makes very good ads but in the past seems to have had trouble retaining clients." concerns, also plans to operate a luxury five-star Sheraton Tower in Jakarta, but a site had

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that it has more creative people than any agency of its relative size. It has the firepower and the critical mass to be a major agency."

Founded in 1962 by Carl Ally and Amil Gargano, the agency accumulated a glowing reputation for its work with such clients as Volvo and Hertz Renta-Car. In 1982, Advertising Assances of the such accumulation of the control of the

William N. Luceno, former president of Wells, Rich Greene Worldwide, will become chief executive of Ally & Gargano, on Dec. 1. cassuming a post occupied by James R. McManus, who remains chairman of Marketing Corp. All other agency's management members remain. including Mr. Gargano as chairman, Bill Bishop as president, Michael Tesch as discount of castiling exercises and Warren Dechter. rector of creative services and Warren Dechter

as director of client services.

In May 1987. Mr. Luceno left Wells Rich
Greene after 14 years to find an agency that he
could acquire. In the process, he met Ray Chambers, Wesray's senior partner, and Mr. Howard. They told him they wanted to find an ad agency "for strategic purposes," Mr. Luceno

talent," Mr. Luceno said.

two divisions of the Sunbeam Corp., and Wear-ever Aluminum. In recent years, however, Mr. Simon has largely withdrawn from Wesray, with Mr. Chambers taking over active supervi-

businesses we run, but we do have a lot of contacts and do know a lot of people and so we think that we can help expose the company to more businesses," he said. "And we think we can add value to it."

But last April, the agency lost the \$30 million account with Saab Scania of North America. This followed such earlier client defections as Federal Express, MCI Communications and Polaroid. in 1985, Mr. Ally retired amid reports of a dispute with Mr. Gargano, who continued.

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Spanish Venture Set by Allianz

Reuters

MUNICH — Allianz AG of West Germany, its subsidiary Riunione Adriatica di Sicurta and Banco Popular Español are setting up a joint life assurance company in Spain, Allianz announced Wednesday.

A company spokeswoman said Allianz and Riunione had taken a 2 percent stake in the Spanish bank, and would each have a seat on the bank's supervisory board. Compa-ny sources said there was an option for the two firms to increase their stake in the bank to 5 percent. The statement said Allianz and Riunione would have a 70 percent share in the joint venture, while the bank would have 30 percent.

. C&W Raises Bid for Phone Supplier

LONDON - Cable & Wireless

PLC raised its hostile bid for Telephone Rentals PLC to £311.8 milion (\$571.2 million) on Wednes-

Telephone Rentals, a supplier of customer telecommunications equipment, rejected the offer, as it did with Cable & Wireless's original bid on Sept. 28.

Analysts have said that Cable & Wireless needs Telephone Rentals in order to bolster its subsidiary, Mercury Communications Ltd., in the unit's competition with the much larger British Telecommunications PI C

> The new bid by Cable & Wireless, an international telecommunications company, values all of Telephone Rentals' stock at £319 million. Cable & Wireless already holds 2.47 percent of Telephone Rentals' shares.

> The new bid is for 340 pence a share, up from 305 pence in cash in the previous offer, which was cleared by the British authorities. The new offer is open until Dec. 7. Cable & Wireless said it would not be increased unless a rival bid

After the offer was announced, ture equipment. In the mid-1980s, nue of £48 million.

Telephone Rentals shares initially it shifted its emphasis away from rose 6 pence to 338 pence each on the London Stock Exchange. But after Telephone Rentals rejected the bid, the shares slipped to 334 pence, 6 pence below the offer

Cable & Wireless shares edged 4 pence higher to close at 366 pence. The new offer includes a full convertible loan stock alternative to receiving cash, Cable & Wireless

The company said the offer was 24.2 times Telephone Rentals' carnings per share in 1987, and 19.5

imes forecast earnings for 1988. It added that Telephone Rentals' profit forecast anticipated growth of about 11 percent in its earnings per share for 1988.

Telephone Rentals, however, said it considered the offer to be wholly inadequate. The bid fails to recognize the growth potential and strength of the company's broad base of businesses. Telephone

Telephone Rentals is the secondlargest supplier of consumer telecommunications equipment in Britain, but it does not manufac- half year ended Sept. 30, on reve-

equipment rentals to sales. Analysts said they expected Cable & Wireless would win Telephone Rentals with the increased

bidder will emerge.
However, they said they thought
Cable & Wireless could have won Telephone Rentals agreement with a slightly higher offer, and said this might have been better for the business in the long term.

bid, and that they doubted another

Cable & Wireless said when it made its first bid that Mercury and Telephone Rentals were a natural

The merger, Cable & Wireless said, would allow it to offer customers a wide spectrum of telecommunications functions. It would also allow Mercury, the only telephone system operator licensed to compete with British Telecom, to do so more broadly.

Cable & Wireless said the merger would clear the way for an improved rate of installation of Mercury services, and wider use of its

Mercury, acquired by C&W in 1984, last week reported its first trading profit, £4 million for the

STET of Italy Sets Ties With

Spanish Firm ROME - The Italian state telecommunications group STET SpA, kicking off a pro-ject to upgrade Italy's communications network, has agreed to a series of joint ventures

STET announced Wednesday. STET reportedly has also been holding talks with such other international communications concerns as American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and STET said it and Telefonica were open to cooperation

with Telefónica de España,

with other companies. The accord with the Spanish national telephone company covers the interconnection of international telecommunications traffic, consultation on acquiring intercontinental traffic capacity, satellite telecommunications and joint development of national public

Collaboration on "value added" services is also envis-

Norwegian Bank to Cut Staff After Losses

OSLO - Den norske Creditbank, Norway's second biggest bank, said Wednesday it would lay off a quarter of its staff as part of a major restructuring plan to correct heavy losses. Jobs cut would total

Meanwhile, Standard & Poor's Corp. said in New York that it has downgraded the debt of three troubled Norwegian banks. Den norske, Bergen Bank A/S and Christiania Bank og Kreditkassen, in view of the loan-loss problems afflicting the industry in Norway.

Den norske reported a 1.5 billion kroner (\$230 million) net loss last year, when it was Norway's biggest bank, and has said it expected loan losses of the same magnitude this

"This is a very serious decision," said the bank's managing director. Kristian Rambjoer, of the job cuts, "but the move will cut costs by around 300 million kroner." The staff will be reduced within the next five months and the bank also said it would close down or

merge 15 branch offices. Den norske has said it plans to cut operating costs by one-third. Standard & Poor's, explaining its decision on the credit ratings, not-

ing loan losses many times their standing in 1987, up from only 3 bistoric levels. standard & Poor's

"The losses are mainly in a wide range of domestic credits originated by regional offices," the company said. This situation is likely to endure and limit the banks' potential for improving profitability in the medium term."

The three banks need to enhance their core capital. But Norway's thin capital market, combined with the poor performance of the banks, greatly limit their flexibility, it said. Bergen Bank in September post-

poned a share issue that would have raised 300 million kroner (\$46 million), citing the depressed con-dition of the Norwegian market. The Norwegian government has said that the country's commercial

banks will post losses of at least 6

billion kroner this year, with the

big three banks expected to account for about 70 percent of the Standard & Poor's also said it may downgrade Eksportfinans A/S's \$2.7 billion of AAA-rated

long-term debt. It said the three Norwegian banks are important guarantors of the loan portfolio of Eksportfinans. Domestic bank guarantees accounted for 46 percent of the trade ed that the three banks are suffer- finance group's total loans out-

percent in 1981, Standard & Poor's

pointed out. The New York-based company downgraded to AA from A Bergen Bank's commercial paper and cer-tificates of deposit and the U.S. commercial paper of its unit, Bergen Bank Corp.

However, the A-rated paper of London-based Scandinavian Bank Group, in which Bergen Bank has a 20 percent stake, was not affected.

■ Currency Move Weighed Norwegian Finance Minister Gunnar Berge said the country should consider joining the Euro-pean Monetary System to give the krone more stability, but only when the country's economy was in bet-

ter shape, Reuters reported. Mr. Berge, in an interview with state radio, said Norway's sizable current-account deficit must be rectified before such a move could be considered.

He gave no further details, but his remarks appeared likely to renot a member of the European Community, on the question of joining the mechanism that helps limit fluctuations between eight EC currencies on foreign-exchange

ADVERTISEMENT INTERNATIONAL FUNDS

Ralston Seen **Buying French Battery Maker**

International Hereld Tribune PARIS - Wonder-Mazda. the French battery maker, is to be sold to Ralston-Purina Co., Le Monde said Wednesday.

The newspaper did not give a sale price, but suggested it might be around I billion francs (\$170 million).

Wonder, half-owned by the entrepreneur Bernard Tapie and half by the construction magnate Francis Bouygues, had sales last year of 1.4 billion francs.

Le Monde said that the works committee at Wonder had been officially informed of the sale. The newspaper reported that the Tapic and Bouygues groups did not con-firm the sale but said there would be an announcement by the end of the week.

Ralston Purina makes Eveready and Energizer batteries, a business it bought from Union Carbide Corp. in 1986 for

Nestlé Is Disappointed With Market Reaction to Shares

VEVEY, Switzerland - Nestle SA said Wednesday it was disappointed by the stock market reaction to its decision last week to let foreigners buy its registered shares

"We have succeeded in narrowing the gap between the registered and bearer shares, but unfortunately at too low a level," said Reto

On Wednesday the registered shares, previously restricted to Swiss investors, were quoted in Zurich at 5,810 Swiss francs (\$4,000), while the bearer shares, previously the only ones available to foreign-

ers, traded at 6,750 francs. Nestle said its decision to lift the

globalization of financial markets. Helmut Maucher, the chief executive of Nestle, said that when the registered shares rose to 6,000 francs at one stage, Nestlé had not expected the selling that then took place. Nor had it expected the bear-er shares to fall below 8,000 francs.

Mr. Domeniconi said that measured by price-to-earnings ratios, Nestlé shares were still too chean compared with foreign rivals, such as the French food group BSN, or H.J. Heinz Co. or Kellogg Co. of

the United States He defended Nestle against criticism by foreign investors angry at the sharp fall in their Nestle bearer

Saying the change in share rules

have done it differently. Besides, you can't judge the success of this operation from only three days share trading.

"My personal opinion is that some investors who burnt their fingers may stay away," he said. "But there will be hordes waiting to buy at current levels."

Asked if Nestlė feared law suits, he replied: "I can assure you that our board members are not trem-

Ordinary bearer shares in other

Swiss companies that foreignors are allowed to hold have also dropped in price since Nestlé acted last Thursday.

added: "I can't see how we could not profit to be between 1.9 billion and 2 billion Swiss francs, up from 1.83 billion in 1987.

Consolidated sales will be more than 40 billion francs this year compared with 35.24 billion in Mr. Maucher said these figures would result in a ratio of profit to

sales that is close to the 5.2 percent achieved in 1987, a level that he described as extraordinarily high. The company said it also expects sales in 1989 to rise 10 to 15 percent

over 1988, barring unforeseen circumstances, and net profit should show a similar development. "We see no reason why profit

should not rise in the same propor-tion," Mr. Maucher said. "This

restriction on foreign ownership was in Nestle's best interests over Separately Wednesday, Nestle means we view the future with was taken in view of the increasing the long term, Mr. Domeniconi said it expects 1988 consolidated great confidence." NORTHROP: Stealth Bomber Project Fuels Contractor's Expansion

(Continued from first finance page)

the B-2 can live up to its technical promise. The boomerang-shaped plane has never flown, and its radar-evading characteristics have never been tested under realistic

The enormous technical challenge of the plane is only underscored by the problems encountered by the B-1B bomber, now entering service, a far less complex aircraft than the B-2 that has been hampered by limitations on its electronic radar-jamming gear.

Moreover, Northrop remains dogged by questions and speculation about its management of the B-2 program. A congressional study found that the company could not account for hundreds of pages in classified documents at the plant where the B-2 was being de

Two "margin adjustments" on a classified program assumed to in-volve the B-2 led Northrop to take \$214 million in write-downs in 1986 and 1987; profit margins on the program remain depressed. Delays in the program even led

to whispers that Northrop would be replaced as prime contractor by its major subcontractor, Boeing Current and former employees filed a lawsuit contending that the company had overcharged the gov-ernment and engaged in fraudulent billing. Mr. Jones and other Northrop executives, in denying accu-

tors unfounded. This kind of thing goes with the territory," Mr. Jones said of the

watch on Northrop for other rea-sons as well: The company has been hurt in the past several years

Federal prosecutors and a congressional committee are investigating whether Northrop made ille-

'You are not going to embark on a \$60 billion program without some debate about it. Part of the symbolism of the rollout is that the debate will now begin.

Joseph F. Campbell, Paine Webber analyst.

original design assumed that the plane's missions would keep it at

The redesign cost roughly \$1 bil-lion, General Welch said, and was the major reason that the program progressed more slowly than govrument officials, industry executives and analysts had expected.

throp is likely to become even more intense as production gears up and

gal payments to an influential South Korean businessman as part of its unsuccessful efforts to sell its F-20 Tigershark fighter plane in foreign markets some years ago.

Northrop's reputation also suffered last year when it fell badly behind on an ambitious schedule to build guidance devices for the MX missile and was caught skirting testing and parts-procurement pro-

ecutives agreed to an extent with

missile called Tacit Rainbow. the company's growing too fast and top management's being distracted or stretched too thin. Northrop ex-

from accepting contract terms and commitments that should never have been accepted in the first place and then trying to work to them," Kent Kresa, the president by other scandals and performance of Northrop, told analysts earlier

But Northrop executives are confident that they have overcome the problems and are set for a period of significant profit growth.

Northrop is projecting that revenue this year and next will be somewhat lower than last year's \$6 billion, nearly half of which is thought to have come from the B-2 program. But as that and other proms make the transition from the development phase, where costs are high and setbacks common, to the more profitable production phase, the picture should improve.

As we move into production, the margins will go up and the investment will pay off." Mr. Jones

Analysis said, however, that it remains impossible to predict with any accuracy what the ultimate financial payoff of the B-2 will be for Northrop, as so few details have

been made public. The key will be the rate of production the Air Force asks for, because faster production generally translates into greater efficiencies

Somewhat overshadowed by the B-2 work is Northrop's effort to win the contract to build the Advanced Tactical Fighter, which the Air Force hopes to deploy in the mid-1990s. Northrop, with Mc-Donnell Douglas as its major subcontractor, is competing against a team headed by Lockheed.

think Northrop's production abilireleased a joint statement calling talk of a change in prime contrac-Congress is likely to keep a close

criticism and accusations.

news conference in Los Angeles last month that the Air Force and Northrop had undertaken a major

General Larry D. Welch, the Air Force chief of staff, disclosed at a

redesign of the plane five years ago. The change was made to allow the plane to withstand the stresses of flying at very low altitudes; the

high altitudes.

sations of wrongdoing, note that the Justice Department, after a lengthy investigation, declined to join the whistleblowers in their suit.

The Air Force paid all the costs of the redesign, and General Welch

by Northrop. He did not elaborate. Congressional scrutiny of Normore money is spent, especially be-cause some members of Congress

said the work was not the cause of the \$214 million in write-offs taken

Northrop and Boeing recently

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portfolio makes a good fit with Rodamco said its offer was ours and complements it," he said, noting that, unlike Hammerson, worth 16.7 percent more than "Hammerson's market capitaliza-tion prior to the unveiling of the bid, it also argued that the offer represents a 21.3 percent increase over Hammerson's last-published figure for net asset value per share. The British company has said its net asset value per share stood at

650 pence on December 31, 1987. A property analyst at a major British brokerage said the expected battle between Rodamco and Hammerson would hinge on a fresh property valuation, which Hammerson would hinge on a fresh 4.37 billion guilders. Rodamoo estimerson is likely to order as part of son's portfolio at £1.05 billion.

its defense document. independent revaluation of Hamvalue of 950 pence or even £10 per share," said the analyst, who asked not to be named. "That means that Rodamco might have to go as high as 925 to 950 pence if it's serious

about winning Another London analyst said : new valuation would produce a minimum net asset value of 900 pence per share, but noted that valuations for defensive purposes are sometimes twigged up a bit."

Both analysts said the emergence of a counter bid by another hostile bidder or by a "white knight" was possible, although another all-cash

bid was less likely. Rodamco already owns 1.5 percent of Hammerson's ordinary shares and 5.3 percent of the 'A' shares, which carry restricted vot-

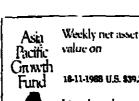
ing rights. Rik van Slingelandt, a Rodameo director, said the bid for Hammerson was part of Rodamco's policy

PROPERTY: Rodamco in Bid of adding top-flight property in leading industrialized countries to its portfolio. The Hammerson

> Rodamco has no direct holdings in Canada or Australia. Hammerson has 43 percent of its property assets invested in Great Britain, 25 percent in Canada, 14 percent in Australia, and nine per-cent each in the United States and continental Europe.

> If successful, the acquisition would nearly double Rodamco's property portfolio, currently worth 4.37 billion guilders. Rodamco esti-Analysts said the Netherlands'

"Based on our calculations, an two biggest property companies dependent revaluation of Ham-were seeking further expansion merson's portfolio could produce a abroad because they had grown too large for the Dutch market or for individual European markets. They said Dutch property groups were particularly interested in the British market because of the potential for further increases in rents.



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The company has also been criticized by Congress for poor perforand higher margins. mance in the development of a new Analysts say that some of Northrop's problems were a result of

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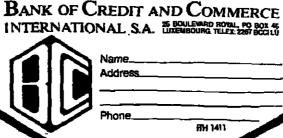
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Police Arrest 7 in U.K. For Fraud Conspiracy

LONDON — Police arrested seven people Wednesday for conspiring to defraud the London branch of the Union Bank of Switzerland of £32 million (\$59 million).

A police spokesman said the seven, whose

names were not disclosed because they had not been formally charged, were being held in custody at stations around the City of London, the financial district, police said.

The case centers on a massive unauthorized

brought to nine the number of people arrested in the case. Two men have already been arrested

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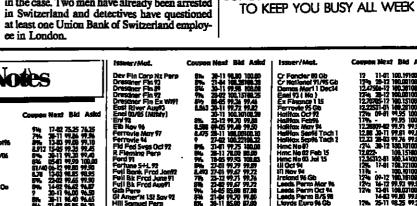
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The first to feel the increases will be the

travelers who most fly on short notice. Such

travelers have become used to getting a dis-count of 25 percent or more off the regular

coach fare, on short notice.

These travelers will now find such fares gone from most markets and will have to pay the

Helane Becker, an analyst for Shearson Leh-

Under the new fare structure only three main

Excursion fares are discounts of about 45 to

50 percent off full coach. They have restrictions

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The Maxsavers are about 60 percent off full

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classes of fares will remain on domestic flights.

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Dollar Declines Despite Fed Support

NEW YORK — The dollar fell Wednesday in thin trading as bear-ish sentiment prevailed despite ef-forts by the Federal Reserve Board to support the currency.

The U.S. currency finished at 121.075 yen, barely above the re-cord low of 121.05 set in the United States on Dec. 31, 1987, and down from 121.275 Tuesday. Dealers said the dollar would have fallen further in the absence of support by the U.S. central bank

They said the market remained elect George Bush will deal with the huge U.S. trade and federal the huge U.S. trade and federal er in continuing bearish sentiment budget deficits. This factor has denoted the delice of fresh news. pressed the dollar since the Nov. 8 presidential election.

"Until we hear something specific, we're going to see a further de-cline in the dollar," said Earl I. Johnson, a trader with Harris Trust & Co. in Chicago.

Mr. Johnson noted that trading was quiet before the Thanksgiving Day holiday Thursday and with Japanese markets closed for a na-

Against the Deutsche mark, the dollar slipped to a 1.7163 close

ment said that the Swedish tax sys-

tem was deteriorating and had

made tax evasion a prime object of economic life. "Behavior within the

economy is being steered more and

society," it said.

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London Dollar Rates

from 1.4458 and to 5.8655 French francs from 5.8760.

The Fed bought dollars at 121,35 yen and at 1.7190 DM in midafternoon, dealers said, stabilizing preoccupied with how President- the U.S. carrency briefly around those levels. But it later drifted low-

During the day, the dollar had gone as low as 1.7140 DM and 121.05 yen, touching the record

Some dealers said the rise in oil prices and hopes that a production agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could be reached this week would ordinarily provide some support for the dollar, but overwhelmingly bearish sentiment took precedence on Wednesday.

Tim O'Dell, international stratefrom 1.7188 on Tuesday, while the gist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said The Canadian dollar continued British pound advanced to \$1.8365 the dollar could fall to test 1.71 to bask in the afterglow of the Confrom \$1.8338. The dollar also DM, and 120.25 yen, if central servative party's victory in Monweakened to 1.4390 Swiss francs banks do not act concertedly or if day's election.

OPEC members do not reach agreement.
In London, the dollar closed

lower after a subdued session that was marked by the absence of central bank intervention to brake its gentle slide, dealers said. The dollar eased to 1.7165 DM

from 1.7205 at Tuesday's close and to 121.25 yen from 121.35. The pound rose to \$1.8375 from \$1.8320, while the U.S. currency fell to 1.4404 Swiss francs from

1.4473 and to 5.8625 French francs from 5.8850. The Australian dollar jumped to new highs against the U.S. dollar. The Canadian dollar also rose.

The Australian dollar stood in after-hours London trading at around 86.72 U.S. cents, below record highs of 86.90 touched earlier in the day.

The Australian unit traded as high as 87.05 U.S. cents in New York — a five-year high, dealers said — after closing on Tuesday at

The Fed intervened on behalf of The Reserve Bank of Australia on Tuesday to sell Australian dollars, but dealers said no such action was detected Wednesday.

Economist Sees Weaker Dollar Into the 1990s

BRUSSELS — The dollar is likely to continue declining into the 1990s, despite the

probability of continuing support by major central banks, a senior economist of the Con-ference Board, a businesssponsored research organization, said Wednesday. Eric Kruger, executive di-

rector of the board's economic and business environment program, said at a meeting in Brussels that psychological and economic forces were putting downward pressure on the dollar, and seemed likely to

continue. "I will not deny that the risk of a sharper fall in the dollar than we have had since Octo-ber, 1987 is somewhat higher since the U.S. presidential

election," he said. However, the fear of central bank intervention is likely to be strong enough to avert the risk of a sharp selloff, provided that President-elect George Bush can convince markets of his ability to cut the U.S. bud-

comber and January. Most leisure travelers will not feel the impact establish dominance in particular hubs, airlines ties and a Saturday night stay. French Government Bonds Look More Attractive

Air Travelers Start to Pay More in U.S. Fare Shift

much higher profits.

are now in a position to raise prices and reap

"This is a big deal," said David Sylvester, an airline analyst for Kidder Peabody. "This fare

In the past, he said, when one carrier in-

creased fares other carriers might follow, but usually with modifications that limited the im-

pact. In the current round, Continental Airlines

made the first move and the big trunk airlines followed its lead with only small adjustments.

The only major exception is Midway Airlines, which operates out of Midway Airport in

Chicago. Its refusal to go along with higher

fares will keep travel costs down on routes like

Chicago-New York and Chicago-Los Angeles.

exceptions to their increases. Eastern Airlines,

for example, did not increase the Maxsaver fare

on its flights between Florida and cities east of the Mississioni

corporate travel budgets for several months,

since business travel tends to decrease in De-

The changes will not really start to bite into

Other major carriers have made some small

increase affects virtually all markets."

By Alan Raybould

By Agis Salpukas

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - At one minute past mid-

night on Wednesday, one of the most extensive

restructurings of U.S. airline fares in a decade

went into effect, substantially raising the cost of

flying for business and leisure travelers on most

The changes, which were put in place by all

the large airlines and most regional carriers, cover about 95 percent of the U.S. airline sys-

tem. The carriers eliminated one class of fares

entirely - the three-to-seven-day advance-pur-

chase fares used mostly by business travelers.

And they increased the lowest and most widely

used discount fares, the Maxsavers, by an aver-

age of about 8 percent, or \$30 on a round trip.

There is still a chance that the changes will be

Some analysts see this as a milestone: After a

series of fare wars since the industry was dereg-

ulated a decade ago, fierce struggles with unions to lower costs and arduous efforts to

modified, but a trend toward higher fares seems

Reuters
PARIS — Assuming the dollar does not go into a free-fall, French government bonds should prove in-creasingly attractive to foreign investors in the medium term, dealers

and analysts said. "We have high real interest rates, moderate inflation, a highly liquid market, a comfortable spread over German bond yields," said Jean-Marie Legendre, a senior dealer at Banque Indosuez. "The market is healthy," he added. "There's no in-

ternal reason for it to fall." The dollar's current weakness might dampen immediate price prospects, but French bond prices have in recent sessions shown notable resistance to its downturn.

More than ever, the American market overhangs us," Mr. Legendre said. "But having said that, on fundamentals alone, the French market should resist well. It will follow the general trend in the U.S., but will be more resilient."

Jim O'Neill, an economist at Swiss Bank Corp. in London, agreed that French bonds looked attractive in comparison with ma-

"I wouldn't rule out, if there are bad U.K. trade figures this week, that people could switch out of gilts into French bonds," Mr. O'Neill said. "Until recently, they've been moving into high-yielding gilts, but they're getting worried now," he said.

The benchmark 9.80 percent French Treasury bonds due in 1996 are currently yielding around 8.7

This compares with 6.35 percent for the German 6% percent bonds due in 1998 and just over 9 percent for 10-year U.S. Treasuries. Medium-term gilts yield between 9.75 and 10 percent.

But analysts said strong franc resilience to the dollar's weakness may finally convince investors that Paris will resist pressure for a de-valuation within the European Monetary System. Dollar weakness in the past has caused trouble for France in supporting the franc against the Deutsche mark.

ment bonds, known as gilts, and West German bonds, known as bunds.

bunds, requiring comparatively high yields to attract buyers.

But Finance Minister Pierre Ber-

égovoy has repeatedly asserted the French government's commitment to a strong franc since his return to

office last spring. "Some people are still suspicious about the French attitude on the exchange rate," Mr. O'Neill said. But this may no longer be valid and the yield premium traditionally demanded by international investors in francs could gradually fall, he

Mr. Legendre said that interna-tional yield expectations had al-ready changed. He noted a turning point in the appreciation of French bonds at the turn of the year, when fell below yields on U.S. Treasury

On the subject of German bunds, he noted that "there used to be a psychological barrier at a yield gap of 250 basis points, but we have got over that in 1988."

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Just two years ago, French bonds took un little space in international portfolios. But the French Treasury now estimates that of 370 billion francs (\$60 billion) of government bonds outstanding, roughly 5 per-cent are held by foreign investors, mostly from the United States, Europe and the Far East.

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MASK OF TREACHERY: Spies, Lies, Buggery and Betrayal

By John Costello. 765 pages. \$22.95. William Morrow, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016. And, £15. William Collins, 8 Grafton Street, London WIX 3LA.

Reviewed by Barry James

WAS Anthony Blumt not a subsidiary but the "first man" in the Burgess-Maclean-Philby spy ring?

Did the British government shield him because he had access to intelligence about the purported Nazi sympathies of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor?

Did Britain deliberately mislead the FBI and the CIA about the ramifications of the spy network in order to cover up the weaknesses of its own secret services?

John Costello, a British historian living in New York, makes these and many other assertions in "Mask of Treachery." He bases his arguments partly on several thousand U.S. and British intelligence documents he obtained through the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, partly on interviews with former intelligence agents in Britain and the United States.

Costello said in an interview in Paris recently that both these avenues of research will be closed to future British writers if the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tightens up certain aspects of the Official Secrets Act, a World War I measure that makes it an offense to impart or receive unauthorized informa-tion about virtually every aspect of government. Para-doxically, even Blunt cited the act to dodge questions at the news conference he gave after Thate identified him as a traitor in 1979. A white paper published earlier says the public's access to information should generally be made easier, except in the key areas of defense, intelligence and national security, where it should be more strictly enforced.

Citing the need to protect secrets shared in confidence with other governments or international organizations, the white paper proposed to make it a criminal offense to disclose in Britain security information obtained abroad legally. At the same time, Costello said the United States is accommodating Britain's demand for secrecy by with-drawing countless numbers of documents from public scrutiny at the British government's request.

The measures envisaged by Britain also would make it illegal for serving or retired spies and counterspies to make any disclosure relating to security or intelligence, whether or not that information is true or false. The government's unsuccessful attempt to block pub-

lication of Peter Wright's "Spycatcher" — even after it had become a best seller in the United States and, presumably, required reading for the KGB - underlined Thatcher's determination that spies should take their

secrets with them to the grave. If Costello's assertions about Blunt and Britain's band of upper-class traitors are correct, they surely reveal little that is not already known at Dzerzhinsky Square, the

KGB's headquarters in Moscow. But they do raise questions about the incompetence, self-protectionism and curious sexual habits that, according to Costello, were rife in the British ruling elite a cause for embarrassment, perhaps, but hardly a matter

of compelling national security so long after the events. Saying it is vital in a democracy for people to be adequately informed about the events that shape their history, Costello quoted Jefferson: "A popular government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy—or perhaps both."

Costello's skein of names, facts, hypotheses and subplots is not easy to follow. But he has uncovered much that is new, particularly from the copies of the MI5 counterintelligence reports and supplementary reports he found in the U.S. National Archives and FBI files.

According to Costello, Blunt, a noted art historian and surveyor of Queen Elizabeth II's pictures, was the key man in the Soviet spy network in Britain before, during and after World War II — more important within the organization than Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean or the recently deceased Kim Philby.

Costello surmises that Blunt was protected by a Soviet

"mole" very high up in MI5. He points an accusing finger at Guy Liddell, the force's deputy director at the time Burgess and Maclean defected.

From the time he was unmasked as a spy in 1964 to his public exposure 15 years later, Blunt continued to enjoy his prestigious niche at the top of the social ladder. The reason for this, Costello asserts, is that Blunt knew of dealings between the Duke of Windsor and Hitler, because ofter the way he had been sent to Germany and the cause after the war he had been sent to Germany and the Netherlands to retrieve letters and documents from the German relatives of the British royal family. Those letters, locked up in the royal archives at Windsor, were

Blunt's "gold-plated insurance policy," Costello says. He adds that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBL considered the duke a major threat to Allied security after he and his wife, the former Wallis Simpson, had allegedly informed Hitler about Britain's plans to defend France and Belgium. Hoover, according to the author, wanted the Windsors to be interned. Instead, the duke was sent as governor general to the Bahamas from where, Costello says, he continued to lend aid and comfort to

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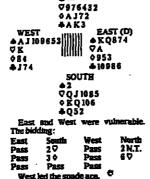
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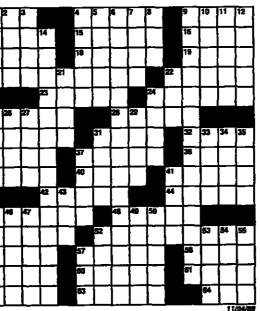
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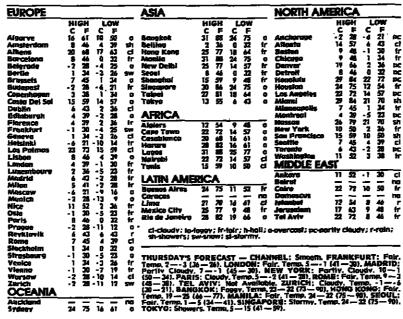
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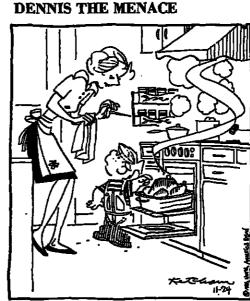
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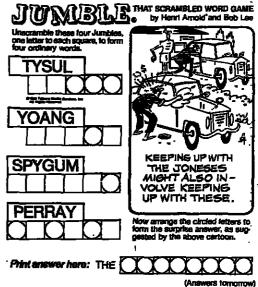
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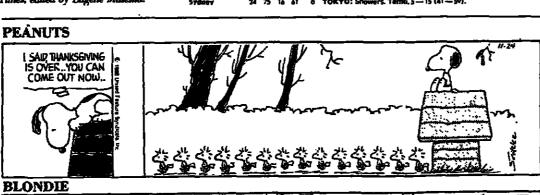
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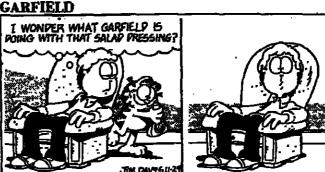




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Tyson-Bruno Fight Reported Off Again

NEW YORK - Mike Tyson's Jan. 14 heavyweight title defense against Frank Bruno is off again, this time amid accusations and threats of lawsuits, according to

The New York Times and the or the U.S.," New York Daily News reported in the scheduled match, backed out.

"The fight is off," said Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager, after learning from John Giovenco of the Nehotel was "pulling the plug on the Jan. 14 date.

Giovenco acted after being told by Tyson's attorney, Howard Weitzman, that Cayton's offer of a deal with boxing promoter Don King was "unacceptable" and there was "no way to keep it alive."

"I'm very disappointed," Cayton said. The terms for a bout with Bruno, who first became the No. 1 contender for Tyson's undisputed crown a year ago, would have tarned the champion more than \$6

A proposed deal with King, who Tyson says he wants as his exclusive promoter the next four years, a ploy. I reserve judgment.

was for the four Tyson fights car
What I do know is that Frank is ried by Home Box Office following the Bruno match. Cayton said as "a manager of integrity, I can't let my fighter commit financial suicide."

Over the past month, Cayton usually carry a bit of surplus." and King and Tyson had been negotiating what King's role would be er Tuesday that Tyson would rein the fighter's future; apparently turn to Catskill, New York, and

"It will be a long time before Mike Tyson fights again," said Seth Abraham, head of HBO Sports. not resolved this week, he probably There's a spider webb of litigation

Astaire, had said this week that if the fight didn't come off by Jan. 14, he would insist the site be changed to London, its original location. "It's a completely new ballgame whether the light will be in London or the U.S.," Cayton said. Astaire said he had earlier been

Wednesday's editions that the fight contacted by Weitzman, who said was postponed late Tuesday night the champion was "ready, willing when the Las Vegas Hilton, site of and able" to fight Bruno. These developments followed re-

ports that Tyson was some 28 pounds (12.6 kilograms) overweight and, because he was at the center of vada Hilton Corporation that the a legal wrangle, was likely to postpone the bout until mid-March.
The fight has been postponed at least six times.

Tyson suffered a broken hand in a street brawl with heavyweight Mitch Green, suffered a concussion when he rammed his car into a tree, proceedings with his actress wife, Robin Givens.

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, was still cautious when he first heard about the possibility of a January date. "I have seen the telex, but after all that has already happened with this fight I'm never sure what is the truth," Lawless said. "I don't know whether this is

ready. His bags are packed. . . . He's been training all the time and if anything he's too lean at the moment. Close to a fight, heavyweights Weitzman had told Astaire earli-

they were unable to resolve matters in time to suit the hotel. start training with Kevin Rooney on Monday for the Bruno fight. Earlier this week, Cayton said that if his impasse with King was would pursue legal action against

O'Neill, NHL's Disciplinarian, Is Weary but Wary

By Joe Sexton

New York Times Service MONTREAL - Brian O'Neill, the National Hockey League's executive vice president, puts in long hours in front of the television set and videotane machine

As the man in charge of disciplinary action against players on the league's 21 teams. O'Neill watches endless replays and makes his rulings. This season, it has seemed he's done nothing else. With hockey's reputation blackened by a spate of ugly stick incidents, he may have become the single most influential figure in the sport.

"These are not decisions that are popular with anyone," said O'Neill. "It's not a popularity contest....

Last Thursday, O'Neill sat behind his large desk, in the middle of yet another controversy. The night before, he'd watched from rinkside as Montreal forward Stephane Richer speared Jeff Norton of the New York Islanders in the ribs. Norton lay sprawled on the ice for 10 minutes before he was wheeled off on a



hospital.

O'Neill acted instantly, speaking with the game's referee, the supervisor of officials in attendance and executives of both clubs (in fact pulling Pat Burns, the Mon-treal coach, out of a post-game news conference). For the first time in more than two decades in the league, O'Neill demanded a disciplinary hearing for an incident he had witnessed personally.

"You have to be angry to see that happen to a player," O'Neill said of Norton, who suffered bruised ribs. "Anger is as good a word as any to use in a situation like that. But I've been around too long to

Roughly a quarter of the way into the season, O'Neill has handed out more than half a dozen suspensions; more are likely to follow. He has watched tapes of players getting their teeth smashed, jaws broken, eyes gouged. "It is a very dis-tasteful part of the job," said O'Neill, who has held his current title and meted out his own brand of patchwork justice since 1977. "It is also one I dislike intensely. I think anyone who did like doing what I do would certainly be coming from the wrong direction.

"It's not easy to sit in judgment of hockey players who are making their liv-ing. But it's always been my belief that it's necessary. We have a very violent. emotional game, and things are going to happen. It's necessary to maintain some kind of order. It's an important job. It's just not a pleasant one.

By most accounts, O'Neill is a pleasant man and a thorough, respected adjudicator. His diligence and promptness in col-lecting facts, his fundamental fairness to the accused and his unwavering belief in the appropriateness of his rulings are generally admired by the people directly affected by his decisions. But there are exceptions

Mike Bossy, one of the game's greatest goal scorers and an outspoken advocate of ridding the sport of unnecessary violence, on Friday blasted what he said was Brian O'Neill: Endless replays.... leniency by O'Neill, who that day announced that Richer would be suspended

for 10 games.
"Brian O'Neill is employed by the owners, and he's handing out suspensions to owner's employees," Bossy was quoted as saying. "That's why you have limited suspensions. They should have an independent body or person, someone or somebody that has nothing to do with the NHL to handle suspensions. It's obvious the NHL isn't doing enough. There's still an incident a week."

Of Irish heritage and a traditional Quebec upbringing, O'Neill played hockey from the age of 6 until his graduation from McGill University in Montreal, where he studied economics. He then held a series of jobs in publishing before signing on with the NHL in 1966. He spent the next 10 years handling a variety administrative chores, from making schedules to debating pensions. He rose to become the closest aide to Clarence Campbell, the league president who stepped down in 1977.

Whatever one says about O'Neill, 58. he is a man who approaches his job with unrelenting seriousness. "I had great respect for the way Mr. Campbell handled hese matters," he said. "He was very thorough, and the thing he impressed on me most was to make sure the player

enjoyed due process."
O'Neill, with his time in grade, also has
the benefit of perspective. "It was not an uncommon thing in those days to see two players stand up and swing sticks at each other," he said. "You don't see that much anymore. What you see are the quick

"The character of the violence is different now. I don't think the stickwork is ywhere near as severe as it was. Some of the incidents that took place back then, by today's standards, were bloodcurdling. O'Neill reacts to the two charges made

against him — that he is lenient and inconsistent - with a mixture of understanding and controlled exasperation. They don't all fit into the same category," he said. "And so I can understand that there is some kind of concern as to

From a spate of ugly incidents that have blackened the sport's reputation.

the consistency of some of the penalties. fairness to the player who perpetrated the But there are so many aspects that every case is so different. You have to deal with the intent of the players, the severity of the action, the extent of the injury, the premeditation, the provocation. And after all that, he has to deal with

the criticism from both sides. Last season, many thought his suspen-sion of Philadelphia's Dave Brown for 15 games after a vicious cross-check of Tomas Sandstrom of the New York Rangers was not enough of a sanction - that O'Neill had let slip a perfect chance to set an example to stun the players into sense

You always have an element of doubt in your mind about whether you are do-ing the right thing," he said. "It's perfectly normal. It's a very subjective but And the one area to avoid is handing down a severe penalty for the purpose of setting an example. We can't do that. In everything we do, we have to consider the

act as well as the victim. He has rights, as

well.' O'Neill conceded, however, that the recent explosion of incidents was troubling. He had hoped new league rules mandating a major penalty and game misconduct for gross high-sticking would have a more immediate and demonstra-

ble impact on the players. "I haven't yet put any significance on the fact that there have been so many incidents in such a convergence of time, O'Neill said. "I think it's an aberration. I'm not prepared to say we have an epi-

nic taking place. "I may, though, feel differently in an-

other week or two." Night was dropping on Montreal as O'Neill got up from his desk and walked to the tape machine. "It's a good one," he said of the apparatus. "Goes backwards, forwards, all angles. It's gotten a work-

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Jabbar Amid the Survivors

By George Vecsey New York Times Service

NEW YORK - If you want a sense of how long Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has been around, one measure of his age is that he actually can remember walking to a ballpark named the Polo Grounds at the edge of Harlem, when there was also a baseball team in Brooklyn.

"I'm a baseball fan and I still miss Willie and the Duke," he said while preparing for his farewell ceremony Tuesday night in the "new Madison Square Garden. He played in the "old" one, too, as a student at Power Memorial High School, which no longer exists ei-

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And didn't Carl Hubbell, who

died on Monday at 85, just strike out five sluggers in the All-Star Game?

But baseball has somehow survived without the Babe and King Carl and Stan the Man and Henry Aaron, just as basketball muddles on without Doctor J., and football's clock keeps ticking without Walter Payton.
But Abdul-Jabbar's teammate

and admirer, Earvin Johnson who is becoming such a sage that it seems almost patronizing to keep calling him Magic -does not think the center can be replaced. "I don't think the sport ever gets

over somebody like Kareem," Johnson said Tuesday. "He is remembered for the way he changed the game, did something that was never done before.
"He changed the game in college. They put in the dunk rule. A big

man who could do it all—score, block shots, run the floor, dribble—was unheard of. In the pros, Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain were legends in their own way, but Karman who could do it all - score. eem brought mobility and finesse to the position. He won, he did it with style, and people came out to see him."

can voice the sentiment, as Vince Coleman of the St. Louis Cardinals once did, "Don't know no Jackie Robinson, man," Johnson is not also a student of the past.

The best way to honor each Muhammad Ali, each Wayne Gretzky, each Jackie Joyner-Kersee, is to take a good look at them while they are performing, appreciate the way they move, the way they perform,

Remember the uniqueness of them but don't expect the game to shul down when they retire. "We all have our space for that time," said loe Frazier recently,

Frazier was in town to receive the 13th annual Rocky Marciano Memorial Award, for being "a champion in the ring, a champion



Abdul-Jabbar, booking over Patrick Ewing Tuesday in New York.

He had not left the ring easily Graf lost to Pam Shriver and a case early in this decade, but now he of the flu at the Garden last weekcomes and goes. "I only met Rocky once," Frazier said. "It was right outside the Garden. He was coming out, I was coming in." Smokin' Joe speaks in left hooks, not in metaphors. He was talking about passing Marciano in a corridor, not in

the flow of generations. For all its brutality and graft, boxing endured the loss of Joe Louis and Marciano, and the aging of Ali and Frazier, too. "Those two belonged together," Frazier said. "He thought he was the greatest and I thought I was just as great."

While some younger athletes in the post-literate watch-the-tube age merely a ubiquitous sports fan, but

"Muhammad Ali has never been replaced." Johnson said. "Vince Lombardi, even though I never knew him, when I hear the old-time guys in the NFL films talking about him, I really respect him. And Wilt and Russell were my big-

the way they smile or frown.

but there were other guys before

knows that every champion's time end, it gave Gabriela Sabatini the opening to register the biggest victory of her career. No Evert, no Navratilova, no Graf. But tennis survived.

In Boston, they're printing diagrams of Larry Bird's ankles (Why not? In Washington earlier this fall, they printed diagrams of Doug Williams's appendix.) We'll probably be watching Bird

in the finals while we are at cookouts on the Fourth of July, but if he's not there, somebody else will be the hero on Independence Day. It might be a replacement like Some people worry that women's Reggie Lewis of the Celtics or an tennis will enter an ice age when the established hero like Isiah Thomas Frazier and Ali of the sport, Mar-tina Navratilova and Chris Evert, or Michael Jordan or Dominique

Or it might be a man named But Steffi Graf has already put Abdul-Jabbar, 42 by then, who can tennis into a new era by winning the Grand Slam and the Olympic remember the old Garden, and the the Grand Slam and the Olympic old ballparks and center fielders gold medal this year. And when named Snider and Mays.

Ticket Buyer-Seller Nailed

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky - If they hold the Breeders' Cup at

Californian Michael Doak said that was the unpleasant lesson that

They came to see Breeders' Cup V and instead spent the afternoon

Doak said he attended the four previous Breeders' Cups and never

He lucked out again this time and bought four seats on his way

He said he then went back outside to try to unload the first four he

"They set bail at \$500, photographed and Ingerprinted us, and made us submit to a complete naked strip search.

"It took us six and a half hours to get out of there. We all ended up

"Then I saw on television how the mayor of Louisville said this

was the best Breeders' Cup and he wants it there every year," Doak

continued. "Never is soon enough for me."

Churchill Downs officials said there were some minor arrests on

Breeders' Cup Day and described the crowd as generally orderly.

"I've received calls from people who were involved in ticket scalping," said David Lambertus, a Louisville attorney. "All I can say is that ticket scalping is illegal in the state of Kentucky, "If you perform an illegal act in Kentucky, you're going to be

arrested and searched and everything else. It's a terribly undignified procedure, but that's the way it is."

into the track at twice their face value, then was approached inside

he and at least a dozen other fans learned earlier this month.

Churchill Downs again, and you have a couple of extra reserved seats, do not under any circumstances try selling them outside the

front gates at higher than face value.

had trouble buying seats at the last minute.

bought at the price he had paid for them.

pleading guilty and paying a \$100 fine.

the track with even better seats and bought those.

I was arrested for ticket scalping," Doak said.

trolled settings, often unaware that the drugs are potentially dangerous. they are doing with steroids, but since the drugs are generally obtained on the black market, most users take them without a doctor's supervision or advice and without

Anabolic steroids, which many athletes call the "breakfast of champions," are derivatives of the male sex hormone, testosterone, and are known to have damaged the liver, the testicles and other organs. Psychotic episodes, aggressive behavior and major injuries

long-term dangers.

The risks should not be exaggerated, experts 52y. Anabolic steroids have not been found responsible for any publi-

scientific opinions about the benefits and risks of anabolic steroids have bred a deep skepticism among athletes about medical warnings. take it when there are all these side

twice over anabolic steroids.

ago was that they did not work, but the athletes looked at each other and said, 'Of course they work' -and now there is some reasonable evidence that they do work," Garrick said. "Next the medical profession said, 'Maybe they do work. but your testicles will shrink, your sex life will disappear and you will get liver cancer and die.' The ath-letes again looked around and said they didn't see anyone die."

"Anything organized medicine says right now will probably be ignored," he concluded.

Experts on Steroids Still Adrift

By Lawrence Altman, M.D.

New York Times Service NEW YORK - After 30 years of scientific uncertainty about whether anabolic steroids can enhance athletic performance, medical opinion is slowly tilting toward the conclusion that steroids do help some athletes add muscle bulk and weight, and even set world records.

But many experts express deep concern about the risks to people who take these drugs indiscriminately in large amounts, in uncon-

Elite athletes usually know what knowing for sure what is in them.

have been attributed to the drugs. Although many experts believe the degree of hazard is low, they do not know how low, or how often the effects can be reversed after an individual stops using the drugs. Nor are doctors certain whether they have identified all possible

cized drug-overdose deaths. In terms of danger, some experts liken anabolic steroids to birthcontrol pills rather than cocaine or heroin. Many side effects from steroids apparently disappear when athletes stop using the drugs. Revisions and uncertainties in

"Everyone says, "Why do you

effects?" said Bruce Wilhelm, a former Olympic weight lifter and now a member of the executive board of the U.S. Olympic Committee. "I'll tell you why: It's because nobody has dropped dead or died. If all of a sudden you had empirical data that said 137 American athletes died in the '76 Olympic Games and anabolic steroids did it. you would have people sit up and able to link one death to it yet."

"I have seen thousands of athletes who have taken meradoses," Wilhelm added. "I know a man who has taken 10,000 milligrams for a week. The man is still alive. The man is in movies. The man is enormously strong. He appears to be healthy, except that he is a bit overweight. What can you tell an athlete?"

Dr. James Garrick, a sports medicine specialist at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco, said that many athletes believe organized medicine has lost credibility The party line 15 to 20 years

Indeed, many doctors acknowl- heads the laboratory at UCLA that edge that they know less about the effects of anabolic steroids than do and the National Collegiate Athletathletes who have used them and

accurate underground handbooks. The wide gulf of opinion be-tween the medical community and the athletic world over the effectiveness and safety of anabolic-steroid use reflects the enormous difficulty in carrying out scientifically valid studies to determine the drugs' benefits and risks.

The Food and Drug Administration approves the use of small doses of anabolic steroids for a few rare conditions - like an inherited skin condition that produces hives but not for improving athletic per-

steroids on the black market and swallow or inject them in amounts up to 100 times higher than the

FDA recommends. Athletes often "stack" (combine) various anabolic steroids, add other

The 'breakfast of champions' is known to have damaged the liver, the testicles and other organs. Many experts believe the degree of hazard is low, but they do not know how low. or how often the effects can be

drugs, and take them in cycles, ac-cording to regimens that vary wide-ly. When no longer training for competition, they stop for a while. Many of the drugs are counter-feit — made in unlicensed labora-

reversed.

tories. An unknown number are mpure or mislabeled. The secrecy with which athletes use anabolic steroids has thwarted attempts to do the studies that scientists agree are needed to deter-mine whether anabolic steroids work and how dangerous they are. Many studies of anabolic-steroid use published in scientific journals

based on tests of much smaller doses than athletes use in training. Even if athletes did agree to cooperate, there is skepticism that proposals for such scientific studies. which would require testing large doses, would pass the ethics committees whose approval is needed under federal law before any experiment is carried out on a human.

are criticized because they are

Medical groups and experts appear to be tilting increasingly to-ward the view that the drugs can enhance the physiques or perfor-mances of some athletes.

The American College of Sports Medicine has changed its position on steroid use. In 1977, it said that use of steroids by themselves did not significantly improve strength, skeletal muscles, weight or aerobic en-durance. The college said that there said he does not prescribe anabolic aided or hindered athletic perfor- who would suffer them. mance. But in 1984, it said that "the gains in muscular strength achieved through high-intensity exercise and proper diet can be increased by the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids in some individuals."

Said Dr. Donald Catlin, who

ic Association: "The sense I get is that more people in the scientific world feel that they do have some learned about them from generally perceived beneficial effect on athletes." Still he said, scientists "are struggling to find a scientific mechanism to explain their action."

Dr. Robert Voy, chief medical officer of the USOC, described three types of responses to anabolic steroids he has seen among athletes. One gets no major effect, Voy said. A second "may get some gain" but also gets sick. The third, he said, "almost grow as you sit in front of them - they pop a pill and

What doctors know from every lic steroids can cause fundamental

derangements of body chemistry. Testosterone, the male sex hor mone from which anabolic steroids are derived, stimulates development of bone, muscle, skin and hair growth as well as emotional re-

Ordinarily, an adult man produces 2.5 to 10 miligrams of testosterone a day. But insestion of large amounts of anabolic steroids can cause a man to make less of his own testosterone, even completely shut-

ting off production. A result: shrunken testicles, lowered sperm counts, balding and leminized breasts.

In youths, excessive amounts of testosterone can cause premature closing of the portions of the bone that control its length, thus stunting growth. Women produce very little tes-

tosterone, so those who use anabo-

lic steroids can develop masculine characteristics like husky voice and more facial hair. Some of the characteristics can be permanent. The FDA and the American College of Sports Medicine have warned against the hazards of anabolic steroids. One possible hazard from long-term use, they say, is an increased risk of heart disease through the drug's effects on choles-terol (up) and blood pressure (up).

Many adverse effects from anabolic steroids apparently go unde-tected, according to several experts, because most doctors, never having prescribed the drugs, aren't familiar with their hazards and aren't suspicious that their patients used them. Said Dr. Bertram Zarins, a sports medicine specialist at Massaci General Hospital in Boston and team physician for the New England

Patriots football team: "The general

feeling is that with anabolic steroid use there are more major injuries. more major blowouts with steroids and a higher rate of injuries to others because someone weighs more and is more aggressive." Anabolic steroids have developed a reputation for making users more aggressive and hostile, traits that even only in perception, may be helpful in training and competition.

But these traits are possibly dangerous if they are carried from the athletic arena into personal life. Still, anabolic steroids' psychiatric effects are largely unexplored. Dr. John A. Lombardo, medical director of the sports medicine department at the Cleveland Clinic and team physician of the Cleve-

was no conclusive evidence that extremely large doses of steroids either risks and his inability to determine Nevertheless, Lombardo said: "We are not talking about a quickacting deadly poison like cyanide. We are talking about something

that has a percentage of adverse

The fourth in a series of articles.

effects that are real, not fake."

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ART BUCHWALD

Yes, It's Thanksgiving

Next year is the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. It started because the French had no Thanksgiving. This column is the nearest they

WASHINGTON — One of our most important holidays is tres vite chez Priscilla (Allez tres vite chez Priscilla), the loveliest maiden of Plymouth (la plus jolie Thanksgiving Day, known in France as le Jour de Merci Donnant. Le Jour de Merci Donnant was first started by a group of Pilgrims (Pélerins) who fled from l'Angle-

terre before the McCarran Act to found a colony in the New World (le Nouveau Monde) where they could shoot

Indians (les Peaux-Rouges) and ear turkey (dinde) to their hearts' content.

They landed at a place called Plymouth (now a famous voiture

Américaine) in a Buchwald wooden sailing ship called the Mayflower, or Fleur de Mai, in 1620. But while the Pèlerins were killing the dindes the Peaux-Rouges were killing the Pèlerins and there were several hard winters ahead for both of them. The only way the Peaux-Rouges helped the Pelerins was when they taught them to grow corn (mair). The reason they did this was that they liked corn with their Pèlerins

In 1623, after another harsh year, the Pèlerins' crops were so good that they decided to have a celebration and give thanks because more mais was raised by the Pèlerins than Pèlerins were killed by Peaux-

Every year on le Jour de Merci Donnant, parents tell their children an amusing story about the first celebration

It concerns a brave capitaine named Miles Standish (known in France as Kilomètres Deboutish) and a shy young lieutenant named Jean Alden. Both of them were in love with a flower of Plymouth called Priscilla Mullens (no translation). The vieux capitaine said to the jeune lieutenant:

Assyrian City Is Discovered

The Associated Press BAGHDAD — A British ar-chaeological expedition has found the remains of an ancient Assyrian city called Tellulah, inhabited about 6,000 years ago, in the Jazira region near the Syrian border.

maiden of Plymouth (la plus jolie demoiselle de Plymouth). Say that a blunt old captain, a man not of words but of action (un vieux Fanfan la Tulipe), offers his hand and his heart, the hand and heart of a soldier. Not in these words, you know, but this, in short, is my

"I am a maker of war (Je suis un fabricant de la guerre) and not a maker of phrases. You, bred as a scholar (Vous, qui êtes pain comme un etudiant), can say it in elegant language, such as you read in your books of the pleadings and wooings of lovers, such as you think best adapted to win the heart of the

Although Jean was fit to be tied (convenable à être emballé), friend-ship prevailed over love and he went to his duty. But instead of using elegant language, he blurted out his mission. Priscilla was muted with amazement and sorrow (rendue muette par l'étonnement et la

At length she exclaimed, interrupting the ominous silence: "If the great captain of Plymouth is so very eager to wed me, why does he not come himself and take the trouble to woo me?" (*Où est-il, le vieux* Kilomètres? Pourquoi ne vient-il pas auprès de moi pour tenter sa

chance?) Jean said that Kilomètres Deboutish was very busy and didn't have time for those things. He staggered on, telling her what a wonderful husband Kilomètres would make. Finally Priscilla arched her eye brows and said in a tremulous voice: "Why don't you speak for yourself, Jean?" (Chacun à son

And so, on the fourth Thursday in November, American families sit down at a large table brimming with tasty dishes, and for the only time during the year eat better than the French do.

No one can deny that le Jour de Merci Donnant is a grande fête and no matter how well fed American families are, they never forget to give thanks to Kilomètres Deboutish, who made this great day possi-ble.

The Tales of a Country Priest

By Barry James International Herald Tribune ATTETOT-SOUS-BEAU-

MONT, France - It is one of the year's most unlikely publishing events. The autobiography of a country priest who has spent 43 years ministering to the same tiny community in Normandy has been on the best-seller list in France for weeks, and is now about to take on the world.

"Le Horsain" (The Outsider), has sold more than 100,000 copies in hardback, which is many times more than either the author or the publishers thought possible, and translation rights have been sold for English, German, Spanish and Portuguese editions.

The book's success in a country with a long history of anti-cleri-calism is all the more surprising. "I think it appeals to the 60 percent of French people who still belong to the church, even if they rarely set foot inside one," said the author, the Reverend Bernard

his cluttered study. Outside, spotted Normandy cows munch in emerald green fields. Thatched farmhouse roofs glow ocher under a flaming winter sunset. It is a world away from the publishers' salons and television studios in Paris, where Father Alexandre has become a na-

Alexandre, during an interview in

tional celebrity. "Le Horsain" - the word is Norman dialect - refers to the author himself, who although he comes from the port of Le Havre, 20 kilometers (12 miles) down the road, feels he has never been fully accepted as one of them by the canny, clannish and intermarried people of the Pays de Caux, on the lush plain behind the coast.

Father Alexandre arrived in Vattetot-sous-Beaumont soon after the end of World War II, scrawny and weak after winning a five-year battle against tuberculosis and surviving the bombardment of Le Havre.

"How could they have sent a young curé like you to such a hole?" a brother priest once asked

"Reasons of health." "It seems more like they wanted to bury you before you were

Vattetot-sous-Beaumont, with its 300 souls, was a lonely place my attacks."



for the young priest with his love for books and movies.

On the one hand were the silent and suspicious Cauchois, proverbially frugal with both words and money, still not far removed from their pagan origins and surrepti-tiously fearful of the evil eye. On the other was the remote

hierarchy of the church in the

archbishopric at Rouen and, im-

possibly distant for a country priest, in the curia at Rome. Father Alexandre brought to his job his faith, which he says has never wavered, a healthy measure of skepticism and an enormous sense of humor. All these years he has been observing the foibles of his parishioners, which feature predominantly in his book, a work of sociology as well as auto-

"Le Horsain" started as a collection of tales about the Caux region, but his publisher Jean Ma-laurie of Terre Humaine/Plon wisely suggested that Father Alexandre should include something of his own life as well.

To Father Alexandre's surprise, even the locals have unbintoned their usually tight wallets to buy the book and read about Although the book is affection-

ate, it is far from uncritical. But, said Father Alexandre, "they took it well. They seem to think it was their success as well, despite the fact they are the object of some of

"The bishops are against it," he In a sense, the parishioners were Father Alexandre's hidden said. "I understand that. But to condemn something you haven't audience as he was writing the book. "I am a narrator of tales." seen or understood, that's not loghe said. "When you are telling ical. Besides which, they've manstories, you always have to have aged to give a lot of publicity to a film that I believe is worth nothan audience in front of you, and tune your violin according to the ing from a cinematographic point

Father Alexandre keeps the Much has changed in the Caux Caux dialect when reporting his region in the last four decades. parishioners' speech, but includes When Father Alexandre arrived, a translation for French readers who may be baffled by the disthe farmers envisaged a world no further than nearby Goderville, tinctive patois. "When you've the closest market town, where been a country priest for a long they went to sell their wheat and time, you only need a simple vo-Now they think about direccabulary," he said. "You end up by adopting their vocabulary and tives from Brussels, fly to the

losing your own." What gives "Le Horsain" much of its flavor is that, perhaps unnoticed by the hierarchy, Father Alexandre has blossomed in his little corner of the world into an independent, unorthodox and tolerant thinker far removed from the popular concept of the simple

country curate. His love of cinema, which he fulfilled by organizing local Cath-olic cinema clubs, brought him into close contact with the world of ideas. Recalling a complaint that was once made against him because he showed a film that included a scene with dancers in tutus, he made it clear that he has no patience for those who seek to nsor good movies.

What about "The Last Temptation of Christ?"



in his Norman countryside.

and relied too much on habits and gestures?

south of France to deal in cattle, use computers to keep track of their milk production and even mortgage their ancestral lands at the bank.

close-knit country parish and the disappearance of rural clergy like himself will leave a gap, he believes. "In France, there has always been a big difference between the town clergy and the country clergy," he said. "In the country, you get to know your people. You adopt their rhythm, and bring in changes slowly. In the towns, too many changes have been imposed from above before At the age of 70, he does not people were ready for them."



think he will have a successor. "If a young man wants to become a priest these days, he does not vant to be buried in the country. Either we have to rethink the future in a serious way, or inevitably the time will come when we have

ple turned their backs on the official church at a time when there is such a hunger for religion? "Have we been teaching the essential need to love God and love our fellow men," he said, "or have we concentrated on sexual morality

in the future the church will increasingly be found "outside the temple, just as in Christ's time," with rural Catholics meeting in each others' homes and joining other groups in church only on

Despite current prohibitions, he thinks married priests will one day be generally accepted, which he finds "completely normal."
And women priests? "The idea does not shock me," he said.

Nevertheless, the decline of the

to close the churches," he said. Why, he asks himself, have peo-

Father Alexandre believes that

rector had campaigned against artificial coloring

after being misvalued, but sold for 100 times more when they were attributed to the 18th-century master George Stubbs. The London High Court ruled that the auctioneers Messenger May Baverstock must pay the compensation after they sold the two oil paintings in 1985. The canvases attracted £90,000 in 1986 after Sotheby's al-

tributed them to Stubbs. Paul Mcl. lon, the American hanker, now owns the paintings. Robert Wachs, the manager of Eddie Murphy, said a lawsuit filed by the columnist Art Buchwald was

PEOPLE

A French court has banned the 5

A British couple has won

two paintings which sold for £84,

£112,000 (\$205,000) in damages for

just one of several unfounded attempts to get credit for the story of the comedian's hit movie "Coming to America." "Eddie Murphy wrote it and that's the truth. Wachs said. Buchwald alleged his lawsuit that Paramount Pictures Corp. misappropriated a story he wrote as the basis for the film.

Marc Jacobs, 25, will take over on Monday as the designer responsible for the Perry Ellis women's collections, according to Nicholas Di Paolo, president of the Salant Corp., the parent company of Perry Ellis Sportswear. Jacobs will re-place Patricia Pastor, who was a design assistant to Ellis before his death in May 1986. Pastor, who had resigned for personal reasons, could not be reached for comment.

Diana, the Princess of Wales, was quoted in a newspaper as tell-

ing residents and staff at an alco-

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